

Forty-ninth Annual Report

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of

PLAINVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending December 31st

1953

PLAINVILLE FIRE ALARM

A. E. FRENCH, *Chief*—Tel. 8-0283-J

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| 5 Fire Station | 41 Walnut & Fuller Sts. |
| 6 Center of Town | 42 Spring & Cottage Sts. |
| 7 Whiting & Davis Co. (Private) | 43 Walnut & High Sts. |
| 8 High School | 45 Hancock St., Wrentham Line |
| 12 South St. & Lincoln Ave. | 46 South & Fuller Sts. |
| 13 Assembly Hall | 48 George & Wampum Sts. |
| 14 South & Pleasant Sts. | 51 Warren & High Sts. |
| 15 Bacon Square | 52 South & Cross Sts. |
| 16 Bugbee & Washington Sts. | 53 High & Chestnut Sts. |
| 18 South & Everett Sts. | 54 South & Green Sts. |
| 21 Sidney St. & Cooney Ave. | 56 Berry St., Wrentham Line |
| 24 Melcher & Pleasant Sts. | 58 East Bacon & Washington Sts. |
| 25 West Bacon & Fletcher Sts. | 61 Plainville Stock Co., (Private) |
| 26 East Bacon & Grove Sts. | 62 Wilkins' Four Corners |
| 31 West Bacon & Warren Sts. | 64 Taunton & Washington Sts. |
| 32 East Bacon & Pleasant Sts. | 72 Mirmichi Pond South |
| 33 West Bacon & Freemont Sts. | 74 Taunton & Shepard Sts. |
| 34 South & Broad Sts. | 76 Mirmichi Pond North |
| 35 Hawkins St., No. Attleboro Line | 82 Belcher & Madison Sts. |
| 36 School & George Sts. | 84 Washington St., Wrentham Line |
| 38 Washington & George Sts. | 115 Elementary School (Private) |
| 4-4-4-4 Forest Fire | 115 Out of Town |

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IN CASE OF FIRE CALL:

Chief

A. E. French, Tel. Home 8-0283-J or Factory 8-0024

1st Assistant

C. F. Heinrich, Tel. Home 8-0654-R

2nd Assistant

C. A. Meyer, Tel. Home 8-1540 or Factory 8-0024

Raymond Cobb, Tel. Home 8-1123-W or Garage 8-0154

Everett W. Skinner, Tel. Home 8-1147-R

Elmer C. Pease, Tel. Home 8-1148-W

Fire Station from 11:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. 8-0176-M

Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.

Fire Station from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. 8-0176-M

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. except holidays

The Plainville Engine Co., will report to the Central Station, North Attleboro on Second Alarms of the following box numbers: Located in North Attleboro: 5-6-7-8-21-24-33-34-51-65-81-82-83-86-151-216-218-612-812-813.

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

- 7:30 A.M. Three double blasts on Fire Alarm System signifies no school for all pupils for the day.
- 7:45 A.M. Same signal signifies no school for primary school pupils.
- 11:45 A.M. Same signal signifies no school in the afternoon and all pupils will stay in school one hour longer than the usual morning session and then be dismissed for the day.

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The North Attleborough Chronicle Company

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR—*One Year*

CHARLES O. PEASLEY

TOWN CLERK—*One Year*

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

CHARLES S. COBB, Assistant Clerk

TOWN TREASURER—*Three Years*

EDWARD E. OSTERHOLM, Term expires 1956

SELECTMEN, WELFARE BOARD *and*

BOARD OF HEALTH

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Term expires 1954

NORMAN A. MCGILL

Term expires 1955

LEROY B. WILSON

Term expires 1956

ASSESSORS

FRANK V. HENRICH

Term expires 1954

CHARLES J. QUIRK

Term expires 1955

SYDNEY J. ANDREWS

Term expires 1956

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

HELEN A. SMITH

Term expires 1954

CLINTON E. BARTON

Term expires 1955

EDWARD H. HEMMINGSEN

Term expires 1955

ROBERT W. ROOT

Term expires 1956

CHARLES O. PEASLEY

Term expires 1956

WATER COMMISSIONERS

GORDON S. PROAL

Term expires 1954

ALTON E. FRENCH

Term expires 1955

DAVID B. LOMASNEY

Term expires 1956

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

ALICE M. PEASE

Term expires 1954

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Term expires 1955

BARBARA P. FLUCK

Term expires 1956

TAX COLLECTOR—*Three Years*

THEODORE A. WICKMAN

Term expires 1956

PARK COMMISSIONERS

ARTHUR W. MYERS, JR.	Term expires 1954
CLARENCE E. SKINNER, JR.	Term expires 1955
ROBERT J. FAWCETT	Term expires 1956

AUDITOR—*One Year*

LAWRENCE H. CARPENTER

CONSTABLES—*One Year*

HERBERT A. MORSE	ELMER C. PEASE
CHESTER A. MEYER	

TREE WARDEN—*One Year*

ALEC H. FREDRICKSON

FENCE VIEWERS *and* FIELD DRIVERS—*One Year*

CHESTER A. MEYER	
HERBERT A. MORSE	ELMER C. PEASE

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK *and* LUMBER

GEORGE H. SNELL	HARRY O. PROAL
FRANCIS W. SIMMONS	EVERETT W. SKINNER

 APPOINTED BY FIRE ENGINEERS

Chief of Fire Department

ALTON E. FRENCH

 APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Acting Chief of Police

CHESTER A. MEYER

Superintendent of Streets

HARRY O. PROAL

Fire Engineers

CHRISTIAN F. HENRICH

CHESTER A. MEYER

ALTON E. FRENCH

Forest Warden

ALTON E. FRENCH

Official Weigher and Sealer of Weights and Measures

ADRIAN G. WHEELER

Town Burial Agent

WESLEY H. BURTON

Special Police

EUGENE J. BRODEUR

GEORGE A. CLARKE

CLINTON E. BARTON

FRANK KING

ALTON E. FRENCH

EVERETT SKINNER

CLARENCE AVERY

EARLE F. ROSE

ARCHIE L. WALDEN

ALVA I. PAULUS

CLAYTON E. CATE

STEPHEN S. GUY—New Elementary School Only

EVERETT C. DAVIS—Beagle Club property only

ERNEST J. LaPORTE—(Limited)

HENRY NEVEAUX, JR.—(Limited)

CHIEF—PETER J. McKEON, North Attleboro

CHIEF—WALTER HOBBS, Wrentham

North Attleboro Officers—Special Police in Plainville

CARL MacDONALD

DANA RALPH

JOSEPH McAVOY

JAMES N. WATTERS

JOSEPH LaCASSE

HENRY IRVINE

STANLEY H. LYKUS

GEORGE ELLIOTT

JOHN J. McCARTHY

LEO DESAUTEL

ROBERT MORSE

LEROY GORDON

ALEXANDER GRZENDA

CARL BEETY

HENRY BIBBY

DANIEL BRADLEY

Fire Police

GEORGE A. CLARKE

CHARLES F. BREEN, JR.

Inspector of Animals

EARL B. THOMPSON

Inspector of Slaughtering

EARL B. THOMPSON

Sanitation Inspector

PUTNAM STEELE, E. Bridgewater

Dog Officer

HERBERT A. MORSE

Moth Inspector

ALEC H. FREDERICKSON

Inspector of Wires

CHARLES G. HAYES

Registrars of Voters

DACIA A. ANDERSON

Term expires 1954

FRANK KING

Term expires 1955

HAROLD L. ANDERSON

Term expires 1956

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Night Patrolman

ELMER C. PEASE

Welfare Agent and Clerk of Selectmen

RUTH R. FULTON

Town Physician

MAURICE D. GRANT, M.D.

Town Forest Committee

GEORGE H. SNELL

Term expires 1954

EDGAR F. BERRY

Term expires 1955

HARRY O. PROAL

Term expires 1956

APPOINTMENT AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**Advisory or Financial Committee**

RALPH E. CROWELL

ALPIN CHISHOLM

OLIVER P. BROWN

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

CHARLES F. BREEN, JR.

EDWARD E. OSTERHOLM

REGINALD B. KEYES (Resigned)

Town Clerk's Report

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To Either of the Constables of Plainville,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Plainville qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in High School Auditorium in said Plainville, on

MONDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF MARCH 1953, A.D.

at six-thirty o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

Article 1. The following Town Officers to be chosen by ballot, viz: One Moderator, one Town Clerk, one Auditor, one Tree Warden, and three Constables for one year. One Treasurer, one Selectman, Board of Welfare, one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Trustee of Public Library, one Collector of Taxes, one Park Commissioner, two members of School Committee for three years, and one member of School Committee for two years.

For this purpose the polls will open at 6:30 o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

For the consideration of all other articles in this Warrant the meeting will be adjourned to 7:30 p.m. of said day in the Auditorium of the new Elementary School on South Street in said town.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers not named in Article 1, for a term of one year.

Article 3. To consider and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and other Town Officers.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, as follows:

Moderator	\$20.00 each Annual Meeting
	10.00 each Special Meeting
Town Clerk	300.00 per year
Town Treasurer	600.00 per year
Selectmen, chairman	300.00 per year
Second Member	200.00 per year
Third Member	200.00 per year
Assessors, chairman	400.00 per year
Second Member	400.00 per year
Third Member	400.00 per year
Tax Collector	600.00 per year
School Committee	40.00 each member
Water Commissioners,	
Chairman and Supt.	200.00 per year
Second Member	25.00 per year
Third Member	25.00 per year
Auditor	75.00 per year
Constables	1.00 per hour
Tree Warden	1.00 per hour

or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 6. To appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise such sums of money as may be required to defray

Town charges for the financial year ending December 31, 1953 and expressly for the following purposes to wit:

1. For the support of the Public Library.
2. For the Selectmen's current expenses and salaries.
3. For the Treasurer's current expenses and salary.
4. For the Town Clerk's current expenses and salaries.
5. For the Assessor's current expenses and salaries.
6. For the Tax Collector's current expenses and salary.
7. For the Board of Registrar's current expenses and salaries.
8. For the salary of Town Auditor.
9. For the Sealer of Weights and Measures' current expenses and salary.
10. For the payment of Insurance.
11. For Welfare.
12. Aid Dependent Children.
13. For Old Age Assistance.
14. For Veteran's Benefits.
15. For Highways and Bridges, center of Town.
16. For Memorial Day.
17. For Interest on Temporary Loans and Maturing Debt.
18. For Fire Department for current expenses and salaries.
19. For Street Lights.
20. For Water Department incidentals, pumping and salaries.
21. For Board of Health current expenses and salaries.
22. For Police Department including Night Patrol.
23. For Tree Warden.
24. For Removal of Snow.

25. For Park Commissioners.
26. For Support of School and salaries of School Committee.
27. Town Forest Committee.
28. For heating and maintenance of Fire Station and Town Office Building.
29. For maturing debt.
30. For Welfare Agent.
31. For Wire Inspector, salary and expenses.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to have the surety of the Collector of Taxes, Deputy Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Secretary of the Water Commissioners and Clerk of the selectmen's bond placed with a fidelity or guarantee company, and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the carrying on of the Moth work for the coming year.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a Reserve Fund to provide for the extraordinary unforeseen expenses, as authorized by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the operation of Road Machinery or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and raise and

appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and maintenance of the Town Dump, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00, or any other sum, to continue the drainage program, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for all control work against the Dutch Elm Disease, as set forth by Section 13, Chapter 761, Act of 1949, to be expended under the direction of the Moth Superintendent, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the continuation of Mathurin Road as a Public Way, when it is brought up to a grade satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen, and a blue-print of the layout and grade furnished to the Town, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,028.04, this being the amount apportioned to Plainville as its share of the cost of the Norfolk County Retirement System, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00, or any other sum, for the use of the athletic department of the schools, as provided for in Chapter 658, Acts of 1950, a revision of Sec. 47, Chapter 71, of the General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2000.00, or any other sum for the purpose of

carrying out the provisions of Chapter 118D amending 118C, inserted by Chapter 658 of the General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. This chapter has to do with aid for Disabled persons.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 or any other sum, for the carrying out of the State Vocational Education Program as provided for in Section 7 and 8 of Chapter 74, General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (This account to be handled by the School Committee.)

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to continue the water system on School Street for 900 feet more or less and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,552.00 or any other sum or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 or any other sum for repair of School Street after water installation or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to continue the water system on Warren Street for 600 feet more or less and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,317.00 or any other sum or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 or any other sum to repair Warren Street after water installation or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to continue water on Fletcher Street 500 feet more or less and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,530.00 or any other sum or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 or any other sum to repair Fletcher Street after water installation or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to continue water on East Bacon Street Extension for 900 feet more or less and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,552.00 or any other sum or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 or any other sum to repair East Bacon Street Extension after water installation or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer \$4,000.00 or any other sum for the a new supplementary fire truck or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Board of Fire Engineers.)

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer \$4,000.00 or any other sum for the building of a sidewalk on the westerly side of South Street from the Town office to the top of Wade's Hill, a distance of a mile more or less, provided the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will pay for part of the cost of said sidewalk or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$300.00 or any other sum for the building and curbing of about 200 linear feet of sidewalk along the front of St. Martha's Catholic Church on the easterly side of South Street provided the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will pay for part of the cost of said sidewalk and curbing or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to install one street light on Fletcher Street about in front of the residence of Byron Schofield and the money to pay for same to be raised and appropriated under Section 19 of Article 6 or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to install two street lights on South Street one about in front of the Eastern Tire Sales Co. and one about in front of Alva Paulus' Service Station and the money to pay for same to be raised and appropriated under Section 19 of Article 6 or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to install four street lights on Cross Street and the money to pay for same to be raised and appropriated under Section 19 of Article 6 or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the building of a head wall about where the new state drain running along the southern boundary of the Quirk property meets the drain on the new Elementary School property or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase and installing of about 400 linear feet of six-foot chain link fence on part of the boundary of the new Elementary School land or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (School Committee)

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for black topping about 22,000 square feet of the new Elementary school yard or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (School committee)

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 or any other sum for the treatment of tuberculosis patients having a legal settlement in this town as provided for by Chapter 270, Acts of 1952, repealing Chapter 562 of the Acts of 1951, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 40. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Forest Committee with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell a certain piece of land or any part thereof and further authorize said Town Forest Committee and the Board of Selectmen to sign, acknowledge and deliver any instruments of transfer on behalf of the Town or do or act in any manner relative thereto. This land has a frontage on Route 1 of about 665 feet and a depth of around 300 or 400 feet.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to sell a certain piece of land to the John Edward McNeill Post No. 217, American Legion Building Association, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign, acknowledge and deliver any instruments of transfer on behalf of the Town or do or act in any manner relative thereto. This piece of land is about 250 feet long by 150 feet wide and is situated off West Bacon Street in the rear of the Whiting and Davis field.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain piece of land between

Taunton Street and Bartlett Road and also authorize said Board of Selectmen to sign, acknowledge and deliver any instruments of transfer on behalf of the Town or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, and to be placed in a fund known as the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943; this money to be earmarked for the building and equipping of an addition to the new Elementary School building or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 44. To see whether or not the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, demolish or otherwise dispose of, on behalf of the Town, the old High School building that is no longer being used for school purposes, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$616.98 representing the proceeds of a reimbursement from the insurance company to cover a loss sustained through burglary by the Plainville School Department for the following purposes: Replacement of office safe, \$250.00; Repairs to building and equipment, \$356.98; Replacement of money stolen, \$10.00.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 537, Acts 1951 of the General Laws. Be it enacted, etc., as follows: "Chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Sec. 47D, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 402 of the Acts of 1941, the following section:"

Section 47E. Persons holding positions referred to in Section 47C shall be given an annual step-rate increase, to be set forth in the compensation plan established under Sec. 47D, on the first day of July following the anniversary of the date of their receiving the minimum salary for the position which they hold, but such increase shall not entitle such persons to any change of rating or increased authority. Such increase

shall be fixed by the board referred to in Sec. 47D and shall be paid annually until the maximum salary set forth in the compensation plan established under Sec. 47D for the position so held has been reached. The Superior Court, upon suit by the attorney-general or petition of one or more taxable inhabitants of a city or town in which it is alleged that the provisions of this section or sections 47C and 47D are not enforced, may, in law, or equity, enforce said sections. This section shall become effective in a town by a majority vote at an annual town meeting."

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Surplus Revenue Account to be used by the assessors for the reduction of the tax rate or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 48. To choose any committee and to hear the report of any committee and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof in seven (7) Public Places in said town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

LEROY B. WILSON

NORMAN A. MCGILL

Selectmen of Plainville

A true copy, Attest:

HERBERT A. MORSE,

Constable of the Town of Plainville

This 20th day of February, 1953.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Norfolk, ss.

Plainville Mass., February 20, 1953.

This is to certify that I have posted seven (7) copies of the within warrant in seven (7) public places ten (10) days before the said Town Meeting.

HERBERT A. MORSE

Police Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February, 1953.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Town Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS OF FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING**

High School Auditorium, Plainville, Mass., March 2, 1953

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the 49th Annual Town Meeting was held in the Town of Plainville, it being the first Monday in March.

The Ballot Box was inspected, found empty and locked by Town Clerk and key turned over to Police Officer.

Ballot Clerks: Harriet F. Washburn, Bessie Barton.

Tellers: Frank King, Dacia Anderson.

Ballot Box and Police Officer: Courtland Fairbanks.

The above having been appointed by the Selectmen, were duly sworn to the faithful performance of their respective duties by Town Clerk.

Warden and Election Officer: Arthur W. Washburn.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting, and at 6:30 A. M., the polls were declared open.

At 9 A. M. the meeting was called to order by Moderator Charles Peasley, and on motion by Arthur W. Washburn, it was voted to adjourn until 7:30 P. M., on said day, in the Auditorium of the new Elementary School Building on South Street in said Town.

By a vote the polls were closed at 4 P. M. There were 542 ballots cast; 542 names checked on voting lists, and the ballot box registered 542 as having voted.

Elementary School Auditorium, March 2, 1953

Moderator Charles O. Peasley called the meeting to order at 7:30 P. M., and asked that Rev. John M. Bowmar offer a short prayer.

The voters were checked into the hall by the use of the voting lists. Number of voters checked were 176.

Harold Anderson and Theodore A. Wickman acted as checkers.

The Town Clerk read the minutes of the morning meeting, and the results of the balloting were as follows:

Moderator—For One Year

Charles O. Peasley	494
Blanks	48

Town Clerk—For One Year

Arthur W. Washburn	490
Blanks	52

Treasurer—For Three Years

Edward E. Osterholm	466
Blanks	76

Selectmen, Board of Welfare—For Three Years

Leroy B. Wilson	481
Blanks	61

Assessor—For Three Years

Sydney J. Andrews	461
Blanks	81

School Committee—Three Years

Francis E. McGowan	138
Charles O. Peasley	438
Robert W. Root	412
Blanks	96

School Committee—Two Years

Edward H. Hemmingsen	323
Richard M. Cobb	197
Blanks	22

Water Commissioner—Three Years

David B. Lomasney	441
Blanks	101

Trustee of Public Library—Three Years

Barbara P. Fluck	473
Blanks	69

Collector of Taxes—Three Years

Theodore A. Wickman	490
Blanks	52

Park Commissioner—Three Years

Robert J. Fawcett	483
Blanks	59

Auditor—For One Year

Lawrence H. Carpenter	464
Blanks	78

Constables—For One Year

Chester A. Meyer	462
Herbert A. Morse	462
Elmer C. Pease	466
Blanks	236

Tree Warden—For One Year

Alec H. Fredrickson	488
Blanks	54

Article 2. Motion by Leroy B. Wilson, and unanimously voted that the following named act as Measurers of Wood, Bark and Lumber for the ensuing year: Harry O. Proal, George H. Snell, Everett Skinner and Francis Simmons.

Motion by Leroy B. Wilson and unanimously voted that the following named act as Fence Viewers and Field Drivers for the ensuing year: Chester A. Meyer, Herbert A. Morse and Elmer C. Pease.

Article 3. Motion by Leroy B. Wilson and unanimously voted that we accept the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer and other Town Officers as printed in the Town Report, with the exception of any typographical errors.

Article 4. Motion by Leroy Wilson and unanimously voted that we accept the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws.

Article 5. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, as follows:

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	\$10.00 each Special Meeting

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Third Member	200.00 per year
Assessors, Chairman	400.00 per year
Second member	400.00 per year
Third member	400.00 per year
Collector of Taxes	600.00 per year
School Committee	40.00 each member
Water Commissioners,	
Chairman and Superintendent	200.00 per year
Second member	25.00 per year
Third Member	25.00 per year
Auditor	75.00 per year
Constables	\$1.00 per hour
Tree Warden	1.00 per hour

Article 6. It was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray Town charges for the financial year ending December 31, 1953, and expressly for the following purposes to wit:

Section	Motion by	Appropriated for	Amount
1.	Alpin Chisholm, Public Library (including Dog Tax)		\$600.00
2.	Alpin Chisholm, Selectmen's Expenses, \$1,800.00, Selectmen's Salaries 700.00		2,500.00
3.	Alpin Chisholm, Treasurer's Expenses 300.00 Treasurer's Salary 600.00		900.00
4.	Alpin Chisholm, Town Clerk's Expenses 225.00, Town Clerk's Salary 300.00		525.00
5.	Alpin Chisholm, Assessor's Expenses 300.00 Assessor's Salaries 1,200.00		1,500.00
6.	Alpin Chisholm, Tax Collector's Exp., 400.00 Tax Collector's Salary 600.00		1,000.00
7.	Alpin Chisholm, Board of Registrar's Expenses \$50.00, Board of Registrar's Salaries 600.00		650.00
8.	Alpin Chisholm, Auditor's Salary		75.00
9.	Alpin Chisholm, Sealer of Weights and Measurer Expenses, 25.00, Salary 50.00		75.00

10.	Alpin Chisholm, Insurance	2,000.00
11.	Alpin Chisholm, General Welfare	2,500.00
12.	Alpin Chisholm, Aid Dependent Children	400.00
13.	Alpin Chisholm, Old Age Assistance	11,000.00
14.	Alpin Chisholm, Veteran's Benefits	300.00
15.	Alpin Chisholm, Highways and Bridges, Center of Town	4,200.00
16.	Alpin Chisholm, Memorial Day	200.00
17.	Alpin Chisholm, Interest on Temporary Loans and Maturing Debt	5,900.00
18.	Alpin Chisholm, Fire Dept. Expenses and Salaries	4,350.00
19.	Alpin Chisholm, Street Lights	5,700.00
20.	Alpin Chisholm, Water Dept. Salaries 250.00, Pumping and Services 10,550.00	10,800.00
21.	Alpin Chisholm, Board of Health	1,700.00
22.	Alpin Chisholm, Police Dept., including Night Patrol	4,800.00
23.	Alpin Chisholm, Tree Warden	300.00
24.	Alpin Chisholm, Snow Removal	3,800.00
25.	Park Commissioners	1,000.00
26.	Alpin Chisholm, Support of Schools, \$76,443.00, Salary School Committee \$200.00	\$76,643.00
27.	Alpin Chisholm, Town Forest	75.00
28.	Alpin Chisholm, Maintenance Town Office Bldg.	1,100.00
29.	Alpin Chisholm, Maturing Debt	20,000.00
30.	Alpin Chisholm, Welfare Agent	800.00
31.	Alpin Chisholm, Wire Inspector's Expenses \$50.00, Salary \$200.00	250.00

Article 7. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to have the surety of the Collector of Taxes, Deputy Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Secretary of the Water Commissioners and Clerk of the Selectmen's bonds placed with a fidelity or guarantee company, and appropriate the sum of \$292.00 to pay for same.

Article 8. Motion by Arthur W. Washburn and unanimously voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 9. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the carrying on of the Moth work for the ensuing year.

Article 10. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted that the sum of \$3,951.23 be raised and appropriated for a Reserve Fund for extraordinary unforeseen expenses, this amount to be transferred from the Overlay Surplus Account.

Article 11. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted that we transfer \$500.00 from the Road Machinery Reserve Account to Highways and Bridges, Center of Town Account, for operation of Road Machinery.

Article 12. Motion by Arthur W. Washburn, and unanimously voted that we accept the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for the cost of the Town's share of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that in addition the sum of \$2000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work; the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 13. Motion by Arthur W. Washburn, and unanimously voted that the sum of \$4,300.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81

Highways, and that in addition the sum of \$9,075.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work. The reimbursements from the State to be restored upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 14. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the care and maintenance of the Town Dump.

Article 15. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 to continue the drainage program.

Article 16. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that the sum of \$400.00 be raised and appropriated for the control of the Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 17. Motion by Leroy B. Wilson, and unanimously voted that we accept the continuation of Mathurin Road as a Public Way, when it is brought up to a grade satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen, and a blue-print of the layout and grade furnished to the Town.

Article 18. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted that the sum of \$1,028.04 be raised and appropriated, this being the amount apportioned to Plainville as its share of the cost of the Norfolk County Retirement System.

Article 19. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the use of the Athletic Department of the schools, as provided for in Chapter 658, Acts of 1950, a revision of Section 47, Chapter 71, of the General Laws.

Article 20. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Chapter 118D amending 118C, inserted by Chapter 658 of the General Laws. This Chapter has to do with aid for Disabled Persons.

Article 21. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, for the carrying out of the State Vocational Educa-

tional Program as provided for in Section 7 and 8 of Chapter 74 of the General Laws.

Article 22. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted that we continue the water system on School Street for 900 feet more or less, and that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,552.00 to pay for same.

Article 23. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for the repair of School Street after the installation of water.

Article 24. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted that we continue the water system on Warren Street for 600 feet more or less, and that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,317.00 to pay for same.

Article 25. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00, for the repair of Warren Street after the installation of water.

Article 26. Mr. Chisholm reported the Finance Committee did not recommend this article. On motion by Michael Padula it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,530.00 for installation of water on Fletcher Street, 500 feet more or less.

Article 27. On motion by Alpin Chisholm, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the repair of Fletcher Street after the installation of water.

Article 28. On motion by Alpin Chisholm it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,552.00 for the continuation of water on East Bacon Street extension for 900 feet more or less.

Article 29. On motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for the repair of East Bacon Street Extension after the installation of water.

Article 30. Alpin Chisholm reported for the Finance Committee that not having enough information on the subject

they made no recommendation whatsoever on a new fire truck. Motion by Alton French that we raise and appropriate \$9,000.00 for the purchase of a new fire truck. This motion amended by Arthur W. Washburn, Jr., that the Board of Fire Engineers and the Board of Selectmen act as purchasing agents for the Town for a fire truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,700.00. This motion was lost. The vote being doubted, the moderator called for a standing vote, and this was lost by 32 yes to 77 no. Donald Breen amended the motion on Article 30 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purchase of a new fire truck. This amendment was lost.

Vote on the original motion for \$9,000.00 for the purchase of a new fire truck was carried.

Article 31. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the building of a sidewalk on the westerly side of South Street from the Town Office to the top of Wades' Hill, a distance of one (1) mile, more or less, provided the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will pay for part of the cost of said sidewalk.

Article 32. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00, for the building and curbing of about 200 linear feet of sidewalk along the front of St. Martha's Catholic Church, on the easterly side of South Street, provided the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will pay for part of the cost of said sidewalk.

Article 33. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to install one (1) street light about in front of the residence of Byron Schofield on Fletcher St., and the money to pay for same to be raised and appropriated under Section 19 of Article 6.

Article 34. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to install two (2) street lights on South Street, one about in front of Eastern Tire Sales and one about in front of Alva Paulus Service Station, and the money to pay for same to be raised and appropriated under Section 19 of Article 6.

Article 35. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to install four (4) street lights on Cross Street, and the money to pay for same to be raised and appropriated under Section 19 of Article 6.

Article 36. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00, for the building of a head-wall about where the new State drain, running along the southern boundary of the Quirk property meets the drain on the new Elementary School property.

Article 37. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 for the purchase and installation of about 400 linear feet of 6' chain link fence, on part of the boundary of the new Elementary School land.

Article 38. On motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for black topping about 22,000 square feet of the new Elementary School yard.

Article 39. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the treatment of the tuberculosis patients having a legal settlement in this Town, as provided for by Chapter 270, Acts of 1952, repealing Chapter 562 Acts of 1951.

Article 40. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to authorize the Town Forest Committee, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell a certain piece of land or any part thereof, and further authorize said Town Forest Committee and the Board of Selectmen to sign, acknowledge and deliver any instruments of transfer, on behalf of the Town. This land has a frontage on Route #1, of about 665', and a depth of about 300 to 400 feet, and formerly known as 'Bishop Farm.'

Article 41. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted to sell a certain piece of land to the John Edward McNeill Post #217, American Legion Building Association, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign, acknowledge and deliver any instruments of transfer on behalf of the Town. This piece of land is about 250 feet long by 150 feet wide, and is situated off West Bacon Street, in the rear of the Whiting & Davis field.

Article 42. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain piece of land between Taunton Street and Bartlett Road, and

also authorize said Board of Selectmen to sign, acknowledge and deliver any instruments of transfer on behalf of the Town.

Article 43. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from available funds in the Treasury, for the purchase of War Bonds or other Bonds, that are legal investments for savings banks, and to be placed in a fund known as the "Post-War Rehabilitation Fund," in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5 Acts of 1943; this money to be ear-marked for the building and equipping of an addition to the new Elementary School Building.

Article 44. The Committee appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting to bring in a report regarding the selling and demolishing of the old High School Building made its report, and on motion by David Lomasney, and unanimously voted that the Town reject all bids for the demolishing of the Old High School Building, and that the Selectmen be authorized to ask for new bids to sell, demolish and remove old High School building, and that they award the contract to the bidder whose bid is most advantageous for the Town.

Article 45. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to use the sum of \$616.98 representing the proceeds of a reimbursement from the Traveler's Insurance Company, to cover a loss sustained through burglary by the Plainville School Department to cover the following purposes: Replacement of office safe \$250.00; repairs to building and equipment \$356.98; replacement of money stolen \$10.00.

Article 46. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 537, Acts of 1951, of the General Laws. Be it enacted, etc., as follows: "Chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Sec. 47D, inserted by Sec. 1 of Chapter 402 of the Acts of 1941, the following section:"

Section 47E. Persons holding positions referred to in Section 47C shall be given an annual step-rate increase, to be set forth in the compensation plan established under Sec. 47D, on the first day of July following the anniversary of the date of their receiving the minimum salary for the position which they hold, but such increase shall not entitle such persons to any change of rating or increased authority. Such increase

shall be fixed by the board referred to in Sec. 47D and shall be paid annually until the maximum salary set forth in the compensation plan established under Sec. 47D for the position so held has been reached. The Superior Court, upon suit by the attorney-general or petition of one or more taxable inhabitants of a city or town in which it is alleged that the provisions of this section or sections 47C and 47D are not enforced, may, in law, or equity, enforce said sections. This section shall become effective in a town by a majority vote at an annual town meeting."

Article 47. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted that we transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$9,900.00, to be used by the Assessors for the reduction of the tax rate.

Article 48. The Committee appointed by the Moderator consisting of Arthur Myers, Henry Poirier and Howard White, presented the following list of names to act as Finance or Advisory Committee for the ensuing year: Ralph E. Crowell, Oliver P. Brown, Reginald B. Keyes, Charles F. Breen, Jr., and Alpin Chisholm, and they were duly elected.

a. Motion by Edward H. Hemmingsen, and unanimously voted that if this Regional School District Planning Committee is to be continued for another year, that this committee should hold a public meeting for the express purpose of bringing to the interested voters of Plainville all possible information pertaining to Regional High Schools. That, from this meeting will come an expression of sentiment that will provide this committee with a better understanding of voter interest and thus aid the committee in furthering its work as a Study Group.

b. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted that a committee of five (5), consisting of the Selectmen, the Chairman of the Water Commissioners and the Superintendent of Streets, be chosen to investigate and locate a suitable place for the storing of supplies and equipment of the Water and Street Departments. This Committee to report with the estimates for this project not later than the next Annual Town Meeting.

c. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that all Town Departments be instructed to submit detailed

budgets to the Finance Committee, at least three (3) weeks before the next Annual Town Meeting, and that this be done each and every year hereafter.

d. Motion by Alpin Chisholm that the Plainville School Planning Committee, be discharged with thanks. This motion was announced as carried by the Moderator. Vote doubted. Moderator called for a standing vote, and result of the standing vote Yes, 55; No, 25.

Motion by Arthur W. Washburn that a new committee of five (5) be appointed as Plainville School Planning Committee by the Moderator. Motion carried. The Moderator appointed S. John Andrews, Clinton E. Barton, Alpin Chisholm, Harvey C. Morse and LeRoy B. Wilson to this Committee.

e. Motion by Arthur W. Washburn, and unanimously voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee of three (3) to look into the advisability of having the Town draw up By-Laws, or Town Ordinances, to control the installation of water mains and new streets in any new housing developments that may take place in the Town.

That the cost of digging, laying pipe, and the filling of the trench of said water mains shall be paid by the owner or owners of said development.

That the cost of laying out, constructing, and hard surfacing of any new streets or extension of streets shall be paid for by the owner or owners of said development.

The installing, etc., of the above mentioned water mains shall be under the supervision of the Water Commissioners of the Town, and all such new installations shall be approved by them.

The laying out, constructing, etc., of new streets shall be under the supervision of the Selectmen and Highway Superintendent, and all such new construction shall be approved by them.

The Committee shall consist of one (1) member from each of the following Departments: Water Commissioners, Finance Committee, and the Selectmen, and said Committee shall report at the next Town Meeting. The Moderator appointed the following Committee: Ralph E. Crowell, Gordon S. Proal and LeRoy B. Wilson.

The following Report of the Regional School District Planning Committee, as of March, 1953, was read and accepted.

"The Committee has attended two joint meetings with representatives present from the four towns of Wrentham, Millis, Norfolk, and Plainville. It is most apparent that the Wrentham Regional School District Planning Committee interprets their towns high school organizational problems far more immediate than do the committee members of the other communities represented.

Your committee feels that until there is a more accurate expression of sentiment on the question of a Regional High School by the voters of Plainville, the committee is not in a position to truly represent the interests of Plainville in the current study and planning.

It is this need for an expression of sentiment that this Committee submits the following recommendation:

" . . . that if this Regional School District Planning Committee is to be continued for another year, that this committee should hold a public meeting for the express purpose of bringing to the interested voters of Plainville all possible information pertaining to Regional High Schools. That from this meeting will come an expression of sentiment that will provide this committee with a better understanding of voter interest and thus aid the committee in furthering its work as a Study Group."

The Wrentham Committee has prepared a very informative booklet explaining the legal aspects of a Regional High School. Copies of this are available in limited quantities and may be secured from any member of this committee."

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND A. WOLCOTT
EDWARD H. HEMMINGSEN
LEROY B. WILSON

The following report of the Old High School Building Disposal Committee, was read and accepted:

"The School Disposal Committee has explored three possible measures in regard to the old high school building:

1. Keep the building for future school use.
2. Tear down the existing building and make the basement into a Town Garage.
3. Complete removal of the building.

As to keeping the building as is for future school use, we find, in our judgment, that this would be highly impractical as the Building Inspector's report will indicate. Boarding up the building and putting it in standby condition would cost approximately \$1,500.

We have two estimates in regard to our second proposal; that is, tearing down the present building to the top of the brick work, and using the old part of the building foundation for a town garage by roofing over the foundation and providing three doors, new floor, wiring, heat, plumbing, etc. We have one estimate of \$10,000 and a second of \$8,800. In our judgment these figures at present represent a prohibitive price. In addition, we feel that this is not the proper place for a town garage.

As to our third proposal, we feel that this is the most practical course of action for the town to follow. We asked for seven (7) bids for demolition and received four (4) replies. The bids range from a cost to the Town of \$4,500, to a payment to the town of \$150. It is, however, the opinion of the committee that none of these bids offer the town the best value, and we therefore recommend that if the town votes to dispose of the building by demolition that the Selectmen be authorized to advertise for new bids for the sale, demolition and complete removal of the building, and award the contract to that bidder which makes the most advantageous offer.

NORMAN A. MCGILL
OLIVER P. BROWN
CLINTON E. BARTON
ROBERT W. ROOT
DAVID B. LOMASNEY

School Building Disposal Committee

Voters present 68 women, 96 men—total 164.

Adjourned 10:30 P.M.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,
Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED IN PLAINVILLE DURING 1953

Date	Name	Parents
1952		
December		
20—	Dianne Evelyn Blais	John Leo-Alice Cecile Faucher
1953		
January		
2—	Erin Anne O'Brien	Jeremiah William-Mary Frances Deegan
3—	Thomas Herve LeBlanc	Herve Joseph-Bernadette Cecile Paul
6—	Timothy Neil Finley	James Andrew-Olive Althea Cleveland
10—	Lauren Jean Rammel	Robert Henry-Natalie Estelle Grant
11—	George Walter Hayden, Jr.	George Walter-Priscilla Buttrey
17—	Daniel Edwin Clark	Edwin Paul-Dorothy May Humes
19—	Patricia Claire Murphy	Thomas Richard-Dorothea Virginia Lynch
25—	Jacquelyne Alice Reybrock	Nicholas William-Marie Jacqueline Keenan
February		
11—	Baby Campbell	Bernard-Betty Goff
16—	Gary Lee Broadhead	Paul Franklyn-Jeanie Paula Littlefield
21—	Mary Susan Hastings	Merrill George—Pauline Louise Goulet
22—	Sandra Ann Mobriant	John Power-Shirley Thomasen
March		
16—	Steven Allen Skinner	Russell Erwin-Lucille Mary Gomes
29—	Thomas Edward Pimental	John-Norma Jean Russell

April

11—Jean Louise Christensen

Roswell Siegfried-Rita Johanna Renner

11—Cynthia Lea Peck Donald Jon-Mildred Arleta Franklin

15—James Archibald Arno, Jr. James Archie-Grace Proulx

19—Robert Arnold Kettell Arnold Milton-Marion Grace Ralph

28—Roberta Dorothy Hill

Richard Edward-Dorothy Ruth Porter

May

4—Virginia Lee Hamilton Carroll Austin-Marilyn Thomasen

11—Baby Boy Franklin Elton Ira-Barbara Elizabeth Hale

11—Carol Ann Chamillard

Robert Brander-Harriet Gladys Coverly

18—Robert Ernest Neef Rudolph Karl-Lillian Guinard

25—John Henry Chisholm Alpin-Margaret Mary Precourt

27—James Joseph Glennon, Jr.

James Joseph-Evelyn Virginia Anderson

June

7—Gary Michael Lomberto Albert Guido-Mary Rita Padula

11—Norma Jean Riley Norman Edward-Bernadette Dargis

24—Karen Elizabeth Dittrich William Paul-Elizabeth Jensen

July

17—John Beyersdorfer Albert John-Elizabeth Gladys Gaskin

17—Dwight David Keeler

Walter Barrett-Jacqueline Alma Johnson

25—Peter John Trahan

Lucien Joseph-Marie Homerine Langlais

28—Vickey Lee Crosta Joseph Phillip-Joan Lee Sherman

August

8—Gary James Schofield

Byron James-Norma Louise Sweeting

17—Bruce Edward Thompson

Harlie Eugene-Beverly Agnes Boyles

18—Earl Stanley Brown Clarence Edward-Jennie May Dorothy

25—Cenneth Bern Grimm Clinton Berne-Phyllis Lowe

29—Jan Henrich

Irving Christian-Jean Washburn

September

- 5—William John Clegg Edward-Rita Emilda Audette
 6—David Kenneth Norton Everett Steve-Edith May Phinney
 15—Patricia Ann Lund John William-Rita Margaret Barr
 15—Candice Joan Sprague
 Stillman Madore-Marilyn Ann Proal
 22—Edward Donald Kettell
 Edward Walter-Dorothea Jane Perreault

October

- 4—Donald Edward Woodbury
 Lawrence Eugene-Agnes Slowey
 19—Frederick White, Jr. Frederick-Doris Mae Paul
 27—Sally Jean Chabot Alfred-Ann Jean O'Neil
 29—Charlene Louise Roe
 Arden Earl-Patricia Louise Pasquantonio

November

- 7—Janice Lee Fortier
 Raymond Nelson-Mildred Elsie Henrich
 16—Christine Estelle Kenerson Robert Burton-Doris Brown
 20—William Brian Gundlach Carl, Jr.-Barbara Jean Snell
 22—Daniel Everett Harris Robert-Lois Boss
 24—Shirley Ann Wolowicz Anthony-Elwyn Jaques
 29—Joyce Elaine Carpenter
 Lawrence Howard-Ruth Mae Thompson

A true copy. Attest:

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,

Town Clerk

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN PLAINVILLE DURING 1953

Date	Name	Married by
1952		
May		
31—	George J. Parenteau, Plainville, Mass. Shirley H. Paquin, Norton, Mass.	Lester M. Johnson, Justice of the Peace
1953		
February		
7—	Russell Stone, Attleboro, Mass. Clementine Theresa (Leard) Cronin, Attleboro, Mass.	John M. Bowmar, Clergyman
April		
5—	Walter H. Morse, Stoughton, Mass. Mildred L. Cenedella, Plainville, Mass.	James H. Coffey, Priest
May		
4—	Chester Clarence Everton, Plainville, Mass. Claire Marie Acheson, Pawtucket, R. I.	Elbert M. Parkhurst, Clergyman
20—	Donald A. Childs, Plainville, Mass. Paula A. Precourt, North Attleboro, Mass.	Edmund L. Dickinson, Priest
June		
6—	Norman James Rowell, Wrentham, Mass. Evelyn Gladys Power, Plainville, Mass.	Lionel A. Whisten, Minister
20—	Clarence W. Janes, Jr., North Attleboro, Mass. Joan M. Perreault, Plainville, Mass.	Thomas P. Fallon, Priest

July

- 4—Frederick Louis Morriseau, Plainville, Mass.
Olive Celia Ludwig, Mansfield, Mass.
James H. Coffey, Priest
- 5—Russell Babbit, Plainville, Mass.
Shirley J. Perreault, Plainville, Mass.
James H. Coffey, Priest
- 11—Leon Henry Rousseau, North Attleboro, Mass.
Alice Minerva Sharron, Plainville, Mass.
Edmund L. Dickinson, Priest
- 18—Robert Herman Cooke, North Attleboro, Mass.
Janet Gay Culhane, Plainville, Mass.
Lionel A. Whiston, Minister
- 19—Robert Carl Hall, North Attleboro, Mass.
Barbara Margaret Stoddard, Norton, Mass.
John M. Bowmar, Clergyman

August

- 1—Gordon R. Anderson, Plainville, Mass.
Patricia M. Gookin, North Attleboro, Mass.
Arthur G. Considine, Priest
- 22—William Robert Tholke, Covington, Ky.
Dorothy Anne Rogers, Plainville, Mass.
Lionel A. Whiston, Minister
- 22—Robert Lloyd Strand, West Groton, Mass.
Grace Belle White, Plainville, Mass.
Lionel A. Whiston, Minister
- 29—Ulric Gordon Brock, Jr., Baltimore, Md.
Joan Lea Russell, Baltimore, Md.
John M. Bowmar, Clergyman
- 29—Donald A. Amadio, Attleboro, Mass.
Aldina Carvalho, Plainville, Mass.
Richard F. Norton, Priest

September

- 4—Edward Leroy Marien, Attleboro, Mass.
Annie Helen Kolenda (Ankevitz)
John M. Bowmar, Clergyman

October

- 4—Joseph R. Ferland, North Attleboro, Mass.
Patricia M. Heintz, Plainville, Mass.
Richard F. Norton, Priest
- 6—Robert Gundlach, Plainville, Mass.
Sheila Joan McGroary, Franklin, Mass.
Walter R. Orme, Justice, 2nd District Court
- 10—Herbert Francis Fielding, Plainville, Mass.
Muriel Violet Valley, North Attleboro, Mass.
Francis J. Maloney, Priest
- 17—Paul Tennyson Cooper, Plainville, Mass.
Elizabeth Laura Armitage, Plainville, Mass.
John M. Bowmar, Clergyman
- 25—Raymond C. Ward, Whiteville, N. C.
Nancy Marie Randall, Plainville, Mass.
Richard F. Norton, Priest

November

- 28—Robert Thomas Watterson, Attleboro, Mass.
Priscilla Marie Theriault, Plainville, Mass.
Richard F. Norton, Priest
- 28—Norman Wilfred Fontaine, Attleboro, Mass.
Carolyn May Easterbrooks, Plainville, Mass.
S. J. Goyette, R. C. Priest

December

- 19—Ralph A. Hastings, Plainville, Mass.
Celia A. Cinelli, (Arvisato), Old Forge, Pa.
John W. Lind, Chaplain

A true copy. Attest:

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,
Town Clerk

DEATHS RECORDED IN PLAINVILLE DURING 1953

Date	Name	Yr.	Mo.	Day
Non-Resident				
Mar. 30	Florence Boots (Bates)	79	2	12
April 13	Frederick M. Murphy	51	10	—
May 1	Mary Darling Whiting	78	2	13
Sept. 2	Hattie May Watkins (Wilmarth)	94	9	9
Sept. 8	Harriot L. Tourtellot (Thompson)	75	5	18
Sept. 14	Hattie Maria Treen (Lane)	86	6	29
Sept. 25	Harriet Aurelia Jackson (Rogers)	67	10	22
Sept. 26	James Bonner	76	—	—
Oct. 23	James W. McGuire	72	10	11
Nov. 26	Vernon Smith	71	—	9
Dec. 6	Sarah E. Vance (Matthias)	91	1	14

Resident

Jan. 7	Sylvester Smith	84	2	6
Feb. 23	Annie E. Bell (Holt)	80	2	7
Apr. 11	Nellie Stephens (Wilkins)	64	3	27
Apr. 13	Adelard B. Cote	62	2	22
May 11	Baby Boy Franklin	2 hrs. 12 min.		
June 12	Elizabeth L. Densmore	71	9	14
July 22	Hermenegilde Desjardins	73	11	7
July 22	Elmer Holmes Bartlett	86	10	1
July 30	Wilfred L. Gagne	65	—	—
Aug. 27	Alice Maude Fairbanks (McLoughlin)	74	2	5
Sept. 4	Rufus King	95	1	19
Oct. 24	Grace M. Wheeler	54	9	20
Nov. 25	John Henry Gaskin	72	1	8
Dec. 7	Mae Major (Morey)	67	8	19
Dec. 14	Carl Maurice Pease	63	7	16
Dec. 23	Mark Arnold Keegan	—	3	—

A true copy. Attest:

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN, Town Clerk

Causes of Death

Uremia	1	Asphyxiation	1
Cerebral Thrombosis	4	Pneumonia	1
Carcinomatosis	1	Auto Accident	1
Diverticulosis	1	Arterio sclerosis	2
Congenital hiatus	1	Cerebral hemorrhage	5
Myocarditis	3	Chronic endocarditis	1
Carcinoma	3	Coronary occlusion	1
Cardiac decomposition	2		

LICENSE FEES RECEIVED BY TOWN CLERK

Number of Dog Licenses: 284			\$647.00
6 Kennel Licenses	@	\$10.00	60.00
2 Kennel Licenses	@	25.00	50.00
1 Kennel License	@	50.00	50.00
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			\$807.00
Less fees:			57.20
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			\$749.80
9 Common Victuallers	@	\$ 3.00	\$27.00
7 Lord's Day	@	3.00	21.00
11 Sale of Gasoline	@	1.00	11.00
1 Special Amusement	@	1.00	1.00
2 Week Day Amusement	@	1.00	2.00
1 Motor Vehicle Junk III	@	25.00	25.00
1 Auctioneer	@	2.00	2.00
1 Junk	@	25.00	25.00
1 Dynamite	@	2.00	2.00
1 Manicure	@	1.00	1.00
8 Wood Alcohol	@	1.00	8.00
5 Overnight Cabins	@	.50	2.50
2 Piggeries	@	1.00	2.00
2 Garbage	@	1.00	2.00
2 Mfg. Frozen Dessert	@	5.00	10.00
1 Drive-In Theater	@	40.00	40.00
1 Rooming House	@	1.00	1.00
1 Mfg. Sausage	@	3.00	3.00
2 Sale of Firearms	@	5.00	10.00
2 Storage of Gasoline	@	1.00	2.00
21 One Day Beer	@	1.00	21.00
1 Sunday Permit to Work	@	3.00	3.00
1 Sunday Permit to Work			
2 Days	@	1.00	1.00
4 Filing Business Certificates	@	1.00	4.00
2 Kindergarten Permits	@	1.00	2.00

1 Antique	@	1.00	1.00
1 Taxi-Cab	@	5.00	5.00
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			234.50
1 All Alcoholic Package Store	@	\$250.00	\$250.00
2 Club Licenses	@	500.00	1,000.00
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			1,250.00
1954 Licenses Paid in 1953:			
7 Common Victuallers	@	\$3.00	\$21.00
7 Amusements	@	1.00	7.00
1 Beer and Wine Package Store	@	100.00	100.00
1 Beer and Wine Restaurant	@	200.00	200.00
3 All Alcoholic Restaurant	@	500.00	1,500.00
5 All Alcoholic Club	@	500.00	2,500.00
1 Inn Holders	@	5.00	5.00
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			4,333.00
Paid to Town Treasurer:			<hr/>
			\$6,567.30
Fishing			437
Hunting			253
Sporting			153
Minor Fishing			58
Female Fishing			98
Minor Trapping			1
Citizen Trapping			2
Special Non Resident Fishing			2
Non Resident Fishing			14
Non Resident Hunting			7
Duplicate			5
Non Resident Military and Naval Sporting			5
Non Resident Trapping			19
Resident Sporting Free			22
Resident Military and Naval Sporting, Free			40
Resident Old Age, Free			5
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			1,121

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN, Town Clerk

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Plainville, Mass.
March 4, 1952

To Charles S. Cobb of said Plainville:

Sir:

By virtue of the authority in me vested, with full power of revocation, I do hereby appoint you Assistant Town Clerk of said Plainville, with all powers, duties and authority appertaining to said office.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES

For Year Ending December 31, 1953

Arthur W. Washburn Vital Statistics	\$132.00	
Arthur W. Washburn, Salary	300.00	
Books	16.40	
Typing	3.50	
Postage	15.00	
Envelopes	27.71	
Miscellaneous Supplies	16.66	
	<hr/>	\$511.27
Appropriation	\$525.00	
Expended	511.27	
	<hr/>	\$13.73

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Town Clerk

REPORT OF BOARD OF REGISTRARS EXPENSES

Frank King, Salary	\$150.00	
Harold Anderson, Salary	150.00	
Dacia Anderson, Salary	150.00	
Arthur W. Washburn, Salary	150.00	
Typing Street List	17.50	
Supplies	10.72	
Forms	10.10	
	<hr/>	\$638.32
Appropriation	\$650.00	
Expended	638.32	
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Balance	\$11.68	

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Clerk of Board

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report as Tree Warden for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Appropriation	\$300.00
State Tree Experts: removing Elm Trees	\$243.50
Labor, E. Theriault	8.00
Wrentham Nurseries, maple trees	48.00
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	\$299.50
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Balance	\$.50

Respectfully submitted,

ALEC FREDRICKSON,

Tree Warden

JURY LIST

Town of Plainville, Massachusetts

July 1953—July 1954

Name	Address	Occupation
MEN		
Arnold, Clifton W.,	South Street	Salesman
Barney, L. Kenneth,	Cottage Street	Salesman
Bigelow, Howard B.,	South Street	Mechanic
Bucklin, George P. Jr.,	Berry Street	Mechanic
Fawcett, Robert J.,	Broad Street	Instrument Worker
Grocut, William S. Jr.,	Hillcrest Drive	Salesman
Henrich, Frank V.,	Bacon Square	Jeweler
Hooker, Miles E.,	High Street	Insurance Salesman
Keith, Clarence F.,	Brunner Street	Toolmaker
Laier, Fred W.,	Washington Street	Clerk
Parker, Clarence P. Jr.,	South Street	Heating Engineer
Reynolds, Frederick C.,	South Street	Office Clerk
Simmons, Francis W.,	South Street	Carpenter
Sweeting, Fred,	Witherell Place	Toolmaker
Thomas, George B.,	Ivor Avenue	Machinist

WOMEN

Clarke, Viola,	South Street	Jeweler
King, Maida L.,	South Street	Clerk
Malone, Marion E.,	Pleasant Street	Secretary

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE MOTH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of the Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Appropriation		\$800.00
State Tree Experts:		
Spraying	\$598.50	
Treemen	123.00	
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		\$721.50
Bancroft Austin, surveying	\$40.00	
Labor, E. Sharron	27.00	
Alec Fredrickson, truck hire	11.50	
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		\$800.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALEC FREDRICKSON,

Moth Department

REPORT OF DUTCH ELM CONTROL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report on Dutch Elm Disease Control for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Appropriation		\$400.00
State Tree Experts:		
Dormant	\$200.00	
Spraying	200.00	
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		\$400.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALEC FREDRICKSON,

Dutch Elm Control

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year ending December 31, 1953.

All cattle brought in from out of State were identified by ear tag and released.

The fall inspection asked for by the State has been completed and report sent to the State.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL B. THOMPSON,

Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Of the eighteen (18) carcasses inspected, there were eight (8) cattle, two (2) sheep and eight (8) calves, which were inspected and stamped, and the required monthly reports sent to the State Department of Health.

There is no slaughtering house in town at the present time.

Respectfully submitted.

EARL B. THOMPSON,

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1953.

	Uncollected Jan. 1, 1953	Collected	Abated	Tax Title	Un- collected	Overpaid Treasurer
1948 Account						
Real Estate	3.80		\$3.80			
1949 Account						
Personal	37.17		37.17			
Real Estate	4.30		4.30			
1950 Account						
Personal	123.20		123.20			
Real Estate	57.20	88.00	4.40	8.80		44.00
1951 Account						
Personal	839.42	634.02	122.20		83.20	
Real Estate	1178.59	1023.75	26.40	41.60	86.84	
Excise	60.61		60.61			
1952 Account						
Poll	8.00	2.00	6.00			
Personal	2191.74	1348.10	62.67		780.97	
Real Estate	8864.23	5800.87	112.13	46.00	2905.23	
Excise	3632.35					
Jan. Warr.	1580.09	5212.44	4666.32	538.88	7.24	

1953 Account

	Warrant	Collected	Abated	Tax Title	Uncollected	Overpaid Treasurer
Poll	1,122.00	1,102.00	16.00		6.00	2.00
Personal	18,240.12	16,022.61	61.02		2,156.49	
Real						
Estate	101,836.98					
Jan. Warr.	40.50					
	101,877.48	89,384.07	2,646.00	59.40	9,788.01	
Excise	23,486.23	17,627.37	1,678.73		4,180.35	.22
			1953	1952	1951	1950
Interest Paid Treasurer			\$ 4.92	\$171.49	\$105.66	\$8.80 \$4.40
Charges Paid Treasurer			44.10	64.05	8.05	.70 .35

Collector's Expense Account

Appropriation	\$400.00
Expended	396.42
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Balance	3.58

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. WICKMAN,

Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Sealing Fee	Total
Scales over 1000 lbs.	—	1	\$5.00	\$5.00
Scales 100-5000 lbs.	3	8	1.00	8.00
Scales under 100 lbs.	4	17	.50	8.50

Weights

Avoirdupois	6	41	.10	4.10
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Capacity Measures

Liquid under 1 Gal.		3	.10	.30
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Automatic Measuring Devices

Meters under 1 inch outlet		17	1.00	17.00
Meters over 1 inch outlet		6	3.00	18.00
Grease Measuring Pumps		8	.25	2.00
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	13	101		\$62.90

Re-weighing of commodities put up for sale:

Bread 20, Cake 6, Lard 9, Butter 10, Potatoes 8, Grain 5,
Flour 5.

Cash paid to Town Treasurer \$62.90

Appropriation \$75.00

Salary \$50.00

Transportation and Supplies 25.00

\$75.00

Respectfully submitted,

ADRIEN G. WHEELER,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

During the year 1953 twenty-five (25) new services were installed, and one (1) old service renewed.

The broken hydrant at the corner of Walnut and West Bacon streets was repaired and cement posts installed around it to try to eliminate the constant breakage. It is the opinion of this department, however, that the hydrant should be relocated from its present position at an early date.

The Sidney, Moran and Cooney Avenues extension was completed with 1216 feet of six (6) inch Transite pipe installed. Two (2) hydrants were installed and ten (10) services connected. It was also necessary to meter each service because this system is not connected to our own water mains but directly to the North Attleboro system.

Appropriation balance	\$1,695.75
Warren Pipe and Foundry	\$52.94
Louis Morrell	1,109.05
Hersey Mfg. Co.	327.60
H. R. Prescott & Son	195.60
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Expended	1,685.19
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Balance	\$10.56

Warren Street extension completed with a total of six hundred (600) feet of six (6) inch Transite pipe and one hydrant, installed.

Appropriation	\$1,317.00
Balance on hand	2.04
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	\$1,319.04

H. R. Prescott & Son	\$30.85
Warren Pipe and Foundry	1.96
Rensselaer Valve Co.	203.60
Louis Morrell	400.00
Johns-Manville	678.98
Evening Chronicle	3.00
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Expended	1,318.09
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Balance	\$0.65

The School Street project was completed with 900 feet of six (6) inch cast iron pipe, two (2) hydrants, and two (2) services installed.

Appropriation	\$2,552.00
H. R. Prescott & Son	\$68.20
Warren Pipe and Foundry	1,486.96
Rensselaer Valve Co.	441.30
J. A. Munroe & Son	536.00
Norfolk Asphalt Co.	16.50
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Expended	2,548.96
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Balance	\$3.04

The Fletcher Street project was completed with 500 feet of six (6) inch Cast Iron pipe, one (1) hydrant and one (1) service installed.

Appropriation	\$1,530.00
Rensselaer Valve Co.	\$255.15
Warren Pipe and Foundry	826.96
H. R. Prescott & Son	40.85
J. A. Munroe & Son	371.50
Norfolk Asphalt Co.	21.45
Evening Chronicle	1.50
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Expended	1,517.41
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Balance	\$12.59

East Bacon Street extension was started with 1620 feet of six (6) inch Cast Iron pipe and three (3) hydrants installed.

Ledge was struck at the top of Rt. 106 which prevented us from completing the entire project.

Appropriation		\$2,552.00
Balance on hand		838.10
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		\$3,390.10
Warren Pipe and Foundry	\$1,501.80	
Louis Morrell	1,086.25	
H. R. Prescott & Son	131.30	
Rensselaer Valve Co.	594.90	
E. Skinner	11.20	
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Expended		3,325.45
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Balance		\$64.65

The Water Tank has been cleaned, painted and repaired by The Kessler Co. of Freement, Ohio. However, in as much as the work is unsatisfactory, in the opinion of the Commissioners, no payment has been made. The contract price is \$3,494.00.

Appropriation		\$3,500.00
Evening Chronicle	\$3.75	
Expended		3.75
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Balance		\$3,496.25

General Account Expenditures

Appropriation		\$7,050.00
Town of North Attleboro:		
Pumping	\$6,052.29	
Evening Chronicle, bills	73.48	
Carnegie Co., office supplies	3.85	
Abbott Office Equipment,		
office supplies	54.50	
Louis Morrell, services	481.30	
Rensselaer Valve Co., hydrant parts	85.90	
F. King, labor	32.50	
A. Sharron, labor	8.00	
Reardon & Lynch, tubing	131.46	

H. R. Prescott & Son, fittings	120.00	
Freight	6.72	
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Expended		7,050.00
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Balance		\$00.00

Salary Account

Appropriation		\$250.00
Harry B. Thompson	\$25.00	
Gordon S. Proal	175.00	
Alton E. French	25.00	
David B. Lomasney	25.00	
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Expended		250.00
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Balance		\$0.00

During the year the town purchased from the North Attleboro Water Department 61,552,000 gallons of water at a total cost of \$4,923.36.

Payments made—

March 28, 1953	\$1,781.01
July 7, 1953	2,295.30
December 31, 1953	1,963.66
	12.32
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	\$6,052.29

which leaves a balance of \$652.41 to be paid in 1954.

It is the opinion of the Water Commissioners that if the Water Department is to be put on a sound financial basis something will have to be done to make the water rates more equitable.

By examining the records we find that if the Town purchases water at eight (8) cents per thousand gallons and in turn sells it for twenty-five (25) cents per thousand, as we do now, there should be a net profit to the town of seventeen (17) cents per thousand. This, however, is not true. In the past year the town purchased water in the amount of \$4,923.36 but only billed our customers for \$5,421.41. This is the correct amount to be billed under our present flat

rate system. Under this same system we show a loss of \$9,965.79 in only one year.

We, therefore, propose to meter the town over a four year period. To do this we are asking for the sum of \$2,000.00 this year and intend to ask for a like amount for the next three years.

It is our intention that the program will work as follows: We will purchase new meters and repair old ones every year until the entire town is metered. We then propose to buy back all water meters that were purchased by customers who now own their own. In the final analysis the entire town will be metered and all of the meters will be the property of the town.

With this program in effect we expect to accomplish three things:

1. Gallons of water purchased will be reduced.
2. Everyone will pay their share of the cost of water consumed.
3. The Water Department will show a net profit at the end of each year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash Collected and Paid Treasurer for 1953

Rates	\$5,818.35
Supplies	317.67
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Paid Treasurer	\$6,136.02
Water rates due	\$1,098.42

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1954

Water Pumping	\$5,900.00
Salaries	300.00
Maintenance	1,500.00
Purchase of New Meters	2,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON S. PROAL
ALTON E. FRENCH
DAVID B. LOMASNEY

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

of

PLAINVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS



For Year Ending December 31, 1953

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

CLINTON E. BARTON, Chairman Term Expires 1955
Telephone North Attleboro 8-0214-W

MRS. HELEN A. SMITH, Secretary Term Expires 1954
Telephone North Attleboro 8-0653

EDWARD H. HEMMINGSEN Term Expires 1955
Telephone North Attleboro 8-1391-R

CHARLES O. PEASLEY Term Expires 1956
Telephone North Attleboro 8-1811-M

ROBERT W. ROOT Term Expires 1956
Telephone North Attleboro 8-1826-W3

Meeting of the School Committee is held in the Library of the Plainville Elementary School on the third Tuesday of each month.

Union Superintendent of Schools, Norton and Plainville

LAURENCE G. NOURSE
Residence Telephone, Norton 5-7952
School Telephone, North Attleboro 8-1166

Superintendent may be reached at the office in the Plainville Elementary School every Tuesday, and other days by appointment.

AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE WORK CERTIFICATES

KENNETH L. SHARP, Principal
Telephone, North Attleboro 8-0146 or 8-1166

School Physician

DR. JOHN T. COTTER
Telephone, North Attleboro 8-0204

School Nurse

MRS. JANET CLAUDY
Telephone, North Attleboro 8-678-M.

Attendance Officer

ELMER PEASE

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1953-1954**Elementary and High Schools:**

First term opens September 10, 1953

First term closes December 23, 1953

Second term opens January 4, 1954

Second term closes February 19, 1954

Third term opens March 1, 1954

Third term closes April 23, 1954

Fourth term opens May 3, 1954

Fourth term closes:

Elementary School June 18, 1954

High School June 25, 1954

Holidays for all schools:

October 12, Columbus Day

October 30, County Convention

November 11, Armistice Day

November 25, $\frac{1}{2}$ day Elem

November 26-27, Thanksgiving

December 23, $\frac{1}{2}$ day Elem.

April 16, 1954, Good Friday

School Sessions:

High School: Regular session 8:30 to 2:30

Elementary School: 8:45 to 2:45

7:30 A.M.—Three double blasts on fire alarm system signifies no school for all pupils for the day.

7:45 A.M.—Same signal signifies no school for Elementary pupils.

11:30 A.M.—Same signal signifies no school in the afternoon and Elementary pupils will stay in school until 1 P.M.

Plainville NO SCHOOL signals are broadcast over station WARA 7:00 A.M., 7:30 A.M., 8:00 A.M. and 8:30 A.M.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Plainville:

We have just completed our first year operating as a five member school committee and we feel that this enlarged committee has worked together successfully for the best interest of the Plainville Schools.

Our enrollment at the end of the year was over four hundred pupils in grades one through twelve. This enrollment is distributed among eleven elementary school teachers and five high school teachers, supervised by one principal, Mr. Kenneth L. Sharp, and Superintendent Laurence G. Nourse.

Every classroom in our new elementary school is now being used. In September 1954 it will be necessary to use the Library for a classroom to meet the ever increasing enrollment. We wish to again bring to the attention of the townspeople, **most emphatically, the necessity of again enlarging our schools, both High School and Elementary School.**

The committee feels that next year extensive repairs to the roof, gutters and clock tower of the High School building will have to be made. The heating system in this building is also becoming inadequate and very costly to maintain.

One additional teacher was elected, Mr. Joseph Glennon, to teach Grade 6. We are fortunate that most of our teachers remained in the Plainville Schools. Miss Sylvia Blanchard was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Mary T. Donovan, and Mrs. Catherine Reardon, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Chester Pawlowski. Mr. Arthur Murdock replaced Mr. David Parfitt and Mr. Raymond Valaitis replaced Mr. Thomas Murphy in the High School.

Mr. Roland L. Wolcott resigned as Principal of the Plainville Schools to take a position as Principal of the Junior High School in Wilton, Connecticut. Mr. Kenneth L. Sharp, Principal of the High School, Mapleton, Maine, was elected to serve as Principal of the Plainville Elementary and Plainville High Schools.

During the summer vacation we erected a chain link fence along a portion of our north boundary. This makes for

better supervision on the playground. Another part of our playground was graded and oiled, under the able supervision of Mr. Everett Skinner. We wish to thank him for his fine cooperation.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank the Plainville Police Department for their fine work in directing traffic for our school children to and from school.

It is the desire of the School Committee that work can be started on grading the area in front of the Elementary School Building, and we urge the townspeople to consider our article in the warrant for this project.

We wish to thank Superintendent Laurence G. Nourse, Principal Kenneth L. Sharp and the entire faculty for their cooperation during the past year.

We urge you to give careful study and consideration to our financial statement and reports by the Superintendent and Principal.

Respectfully submitted,

CLINTON E. BARTON, Chairman

HELEN A. SMITH, Secretary

EDWARD H. HEMMINGSEN

CHARLES O. PEASLEY

ROBERT W. ROOT

MONEY AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS IN 1953

Appropriation	\$76,643.00
Interest on Town School Fund	8.18
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	\$76,651.18

Expenses**General Expenses**

School Committee	\$ 195.00
Superintendent's Salary	2,560.00
School Union Travel	240.00
Clerk's Salary	497.19
Miscellaneous Expenses	342.79

Expenses of Instruction

Salaries	49,971.93
Books and Supplies	4,052.65

Operation of School Plant

Janitors	5,315.00
Fuel	3,368.63
Miscellaneous	2,930.67
Maintenance	437.13
Health	983.20
Transportation	4,552.19
New Equipment	1,094.97
Driver Education	109.17

Total	<hr/> \$76,650.52
Balance	\$.66

**THE TOWN RECEIVED FROM THE STATE ON ACCOUNT
OF SCHOOLS**

	1950	1951	1952	1953
Chapter 643				
State Aid	\$13,546.49	\$14,001.49	\$14,811.80	\$17,686.81
For Superintendent	1,417.84	1,458.60	1,493.33	1,477.46
For School Bus				
Transportation	1,462.36	2,305.86	2,136.89	2,170.00
For Tuition				
Youth Service				
Board	574.03		787.36	362.09
State	225.00	184.14	17.10	
Private	100.00	75.00	100.00	50.00
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	\$17,325.72	\$18,025.09	\$19,346.48	\$21,746.36
Total				
Expenditures	\$53,959.55	\$62,769.06	\$68,710.22	\$76,650.52
Receipts from				
outside sources	\$17,325.72	\$18,025.09	\$19,346.48	\$21,746.36
Expenditure by				
the Town of				
Plainville	\$36,633.83	\$44,743.97	\$49,363.74	\$54,904.16
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1954 ESTIMATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH

CHAPTER 643, 1948

Chapter 643 State Aid	\$19,214.30
For Superintendent	1,477.46
For Transportation	2,806.00
For Youth Service Board	321.90
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	\$23,729.66
1. Rental	\$200.00
2. Cash for damages	1.00
3. Sale of Old Equipment	3.68
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	\$204.68

PLAINVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET 1954

	Budget 1954	Expended 1953	Expended 1952	Expended 1951
School Committee	\$200.00	\$195.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Superintendent				
Salary	2,660.00	2,560.00	2,460.00	2,360.00
School Union	240.00	240.00	240.00	240.00
Clerk	600.00	497.19	562.25	447.86
Miscellaneous	275.00	342.79	205.48	233.81
Teachers' Salaries	55,800.00	49,971.63	43,847.48	39,218.94
Books and Supplies	4,050.00	4,052.65	3,278.94	3,216.23
Operation of School Plant				
Janitors	5,778.00	5,315.00	5,300.00	3,699.97
Fuel	3,377.00	3,368.63	3,611.02	4,149.29
Miscellaneous	2,578.00	2,930.67	2,509.21	1,477.60
Maintenance	750.00	437.13	545.19	955.75
Health	1,195.00	983.20	946.12	644.33
Transportation	4,921.00	4,552.19	4,270.00	4,251.75
Tuition	.....	.....	.....	317.73
New Equipment	1,387.00	1,094.97	683.95	538.77
Town Hall	.....	.....	.....	739.76
Driver Education	175.00	109.17	130.58	157.27
Total Reimbursements (Est.)	\$83,986.00	\$76,650.52	\$68,710.22	\$62,769.06
	23,729.66	21,746.36	19,346.48	18,025.09
Net Expenditures (Est.)	\$60,256.34	\$54,904.16	\$49,363.74	\$44,743.97

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Plainville School Committee:

I have the honor of submitting to you my thirtieth annual report and the forty-seventh in the series of reports. I wish to call to your attention a few topics of major interest and importance for the educational progress of the Plainville Schools.

Problem of School Buildings

This past fall, the Plainville Schools for the first time went over the four hundred population mark. Last year, I estimated four hundred eleven. We have had four hundred eight this fall and well may pass the four hundred eleven mark later in the year. The school enrollment data as given in last year's report as estimates for the next several years still appears valid and deserves careful consideration. The current budget and school plans calls for one more teacher in the Elementary School in 1954. For this purpose, the only remaining space is being used—the school library. A study of the enrollment data shows a serious problem in meeting the High School need in approximately four or five years. This is true for meeting the school population figures alone but also there is the educational problem of giving a wider scope in the educational program. This is being done in all of the new High Schools that are being built in nearby towns. The pressure of school enrollments is now severe in the Elementary School. How this will be solved will affect the solution of the High School problem. They both need consideration at the same time and, therefore, the problem needs immediate and serious study. I urge a joint study of this problem by the Regional Study Group, the School Building Committee and the Plainville School Committee. The organization of the grades planned for the coming school year is given below:

Plainville Public Schools Enrollment Data

Grade	1953-54	Grade	1954-55
1.	46	1.	46
2.	56	2.	46
3.	35	3.	56

4.	34	4.	35
5.	42	5.	34
6.	36	6.	42
7.	36	7.	36
8.	31	8.	36

Pupils Grades			Pupils Grades		
Miss Ramsay	23	1	Miss Ramsay	23	1
Miss Zajac	23	1	Miss Zajac	23	1
Mrs. Boyce	28	2	Mrs. Boyce	23	2
Mrs. Meade	28	2	Mrs. Meade	23	2
Miss Blanchard	26	3	Miss Blanchard	28	3
Mrs. Grant	30	3-4	Mrs. Grant	28	3
Miss Wood	31	4-5	Miss Wood	35	4
Mr. Milesky	31	5-6	Mr. Milesky	25	5
Mr. Glennon	29	6	Mr. Glennon		
			9 (5), 16 (6)	25	5-6
			New Teacher	26	6
Miss Davis	36	7	Miss Davis	36	7
Mrs. Reardon	31	8	Mrs. Reardon	31	8

HIGH SCHOOL

18	9
21	10
26	11
21	12
—	
Total	402

HIGH SCHOOL

30	9
18	10
21	11
26	12
—	
Total	430

Mr. Kenneth L. Sharp, Principal of Plainville Schools

Last June, Mr. Roland L. Wolcott resigned as principal of the Plainville Schools after completing five years of service. During this time, with the opening of the new Elementary School, he was elected principal of both Elementary and High Schools. He gave outstanding service. He took an active part in solving many new problems in the new set up of the schools. A very extensive search for a replacement for Mr. Wolcott was carried on during the spring term. Over fifty candidates were interviewed or recorded examined at several Colleges and Placement Bureaus. Several candidates were visited in their current teaching positions. Following these reports and the examination of candidates by the School

Committee, the selection of Mr. Kenneth L. Sharp has been well justified by the success that he has made since last September. I am most happy to give hearty endorsement to the progress being made by Mr. Sharp in this position.

The Teaching of Reading

During the past year, special attention and emphasis has been given to the teaching of reading. On several occasions; such as, American Education Week, and at individual conferences, the teachers are endeavoring to present to parents the procedures, methods and plans they are using in this fundamental topic in the school program. A schedule of basic and supplementary reading textbooks for the primary grades was drawn up and careful records kept of the progress of each student. In order to explain to the pupils and make clear to the parents as well as for the teacher to have the data as her guide for present needs, a check-list of reading difficulties that each teacher found with individual students was kept at frequent intervals. Progress could then be noted in mastering the difficulties. During the current year, several teachers have been taking a professional course on the Analysis and Development of the Reading Program which is being given by Dr. Donald Durrell, Dr. Alice Crossley and Dr. Helen Sullivan. The teachers completing this course are: Miss Beatrice Wood, Miss Mary Zajac, Miss Lois Ramsay, Mrs. Austin Grant and Mrs. Edward Meade. This is a very practical course. Each teacher applied the plans and outlines in her own classroom work. In the course, each teacher has used a series of reading tests to check on the reading progress of pupils. The active cooperation of parents in the reading program is earnestly desired by all teachers. Plans are underway for making this course available for others.

Opening School Conference

A conference of this type held last year proved very successful. Plans were made in the preceding school year for a second such conference, which was held September 9, 1953, before the opening of the school for the current school year. All teachers had met with principals for many detailed tasks in their respective school buildings on the preceding day. The topic for the conference this year was "Guidance in Teaching." Miss Mary O'Rourke, Senior State Supervisor of Elementary Education from the Massachusetts Department of Education

was the director of the conference, in cooperation with the superintendent.

At the close of school in June, each teacher had been given the opportunity of submitting questions which she would like discussed in this opening conference. These were summarized and became the basis for the group discussion plans at the conference.

A few of the topics discussed at these conference were:

1. Improvement of reading
2. Understanding the child
3. Testing Programs
4. Development of Leadership
5. Good pupil-teacher relationships
6. Encouragement of parents to discuss with teachers problems of mutual interest.

An outstanding group of educational leaders was secured for this conference. They were, in addition to Miss O'Rourke, Miss Margaret A. Shea, State Supervisor of Elementary Education; Miss Gertrude Cunningham, Instructor, State Teachers' College, Lowell; Mr. Warren E. Benson, State Supervisor of Guidance and Placement; Miss Evelyn R. Robinson, Consultant, School Libraries; and Dr. Flint G. Taylor, State Teachers' College, Worcester.

The Teaching Staff

Due to the frequent radio and press comments, the public is more aware than ever before of the problem of the shortage of school teachers. Our Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges and Liberal Arts Colleges have been our main source of new teachers in Plainville. Due to the teacher shortages in these colleges during the past two years, a search was made in new fields for teacher supply. Teacher candidates have been interviewed from Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine. Several excellent teachers have been secured. The new principal, Mr. Sharp, is from the University of Maine where he secured much of his training from a former Massachusetts Commissioner of Education and a Massachusetts Superintendent of Schools who is now Dean of the School of Education at that University. We have found these teachers very well prepared and very capable in their respective fields. These sources of supply are being investigated again this year.

The teachers' salary item is the largest and most important one in the school budget. The need for raising salaries in Plainville for attracting and holding good teachers is a constant and pressing problem. Steady progress has been made in this item, but more is essential. This problem is severely complicated with the necessity of adding an additional teacher to the school staff each year. In the past year, the beginning salary was raised from \$2500 to \$2600 and school committee action has recently raised it for the coming year to \$2700. The average staff salary in Plainville last year was \$2889. The current year is \$3040, and the figure for 1954-55 is estimated at \$3190. The comparable figures for the Massachusetts State average are as follows: 1951-52, \$3720; 1952-53, \$3870; and the estimate for the current year is \$4000. It is very evident that the local figures are far below State averages. It is only at the beginning salary and in the lower range that the local figures offer a reasonable comparison.

Homemaking Program for Girls

For several years, Mrs. Helen A. Smith, member of the School Committee, has taught sewing to a group of High School girls during the High School Club period. She has given her services without remuneration because of her interest in the field of homemaking and household arts. This program was started by Mrs. Smith with the hope that the Town would authorize the School Department to take over this work and enlarge it to a full program in the Plainville Schools. Certain items of equipment have been secured which will be available for this program. Early consideration of enlarging this program needs careful attention.

The following reports which I have received from those in charge of special divisions of the school program deserve careful study. Attention is called to the first report of Mr. Kenneth L. Sharp, Principal.

PLAINVILLE HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Mr. Kenneth L. Sharp, Principal

In keeping with the usual custom, I am pleased to submit my first annual report for your consideration.

Although I can supply very little information on the school year from January to June 1953, I would like to com-

mend your former principal, Roland Wolcott, for the work that he did in developing, maintaining and leaving for us a very well-organized educational system. The results of his work indicate excellent administrative ability.

If the first part of our school year is an indication of our success in the future, we can be very optimistic. Faculty cooperation is excellent. The Spirit, Morale and Friendliness are on as high a plane as one would desire. These characteristics alone make for better teaching and better schools. We seem to be working toward a common goal—that of producing young men and young women who not only have gained knowledge but also have acquired those characteristics which will help them make worthwhile contributions to their community and their country. It is a pleasure to work with this excellent group of teachers.

Our teachers are continually endeavoring to grow educationally. Some are now taking extension courses, while others plan to study during the spring term and during the summer months. According to a report published by the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the teachers of Plainville rank with the best in the State in educational backgrounds. It is to our advantage to keep these people on our staff. For additions and replacements, we were fortunate to secure the services of six well-qualified teachers: Mrs. Ida Meade, who formerly did substitute work for Plainville, is now doing a fine job in one of the Second Grades; Miss Sylvia Blanchard replaced Miss Donovan and is doing commendable work; Mr. Joseph Glennon is a strong addition to our Elementary Faculty; Mrs. Catherine Reardon, teaching eighth grade English and Social Studies, has demonstrated her capability in both departments; Mr. Arthur Murdock replaced Mr. Parfitt in the High School Science Department and is progressing nicely; and Mr. Raymond Valaitis replaced Mr. Murphy in the Commercial Department and as Athletic Coach. His work in both areas has been very satisfactory.

Throughout the year we intend to utilize opportunities provided by outside agencies. So far this year, we have had the following:

Pre-school Conference of all teachers in the Union at Norton to discuss the field of Guidance.

Mr. Warren Benson, State Supervisor of Guidance and Placement, who studied the guidance program in Plainville and made helpful suggestions.

A meeting between Evelyn Robinson, Children's Library Consultant, and the Elementary teachers to discuss the use of supplementary library books in everyday classroom teaching. As a result, teachers are now using several of the books available from the State Library.

Later this year, Miss Esther Worthington of the H. P. Hood Company will present a health program to those in the Elementary School, and Miss Bernice Tassineri, Dental Hygienist, will spend a few days in the first six grades examining teeth and making suggestions on dental hygiene.

The School Lunch Program is operating very successfully under the able direction of Mrs. Evelyn Snell. About two hundred and forty pupils and teachers have lunch each noon in the cafeteria. Mrs. Bethel B. Ross, Assistant Supervisor of School Lunch Programs, has visited the lunchroom, conferred with the staff, and expressed satisfaction with what is being done.

We are very grateful to the John Edward MacNeil Post #217 of the American Legion for their gift of a twenty-one inch, General Electric Television Set. We hope to be able to use it to good advantage in our audio-visual program.

The problem of providing classrooms for pupils because of continually increasing enrollment is now facing us. It will be necessary to use the space that is now a library and conference room as a classroom next year. According to the census figures, this growth will continue. It would seem that some action should be taken so that we may cope with the problem before we become so overcrowded that our program will suffer and the calibre of our teaching be lowered.

The Adult Education Program includes only a course in Driver Education. Mrs. Grenith Rose is now teaching a class of eighteen. The tabulations of our interest inventory did not show a need for more courses at this time. It is a desirable program though, and we hope that another year there may be greater interest on the part of Plainville citizens.

The administrative duties of the principal requires much time in order to achieve a desirable school routine, but the supervisory duties are educationally the most important func-

tion. We are carrying on testing, classroom visitation and teacher conferences. Curriculum revision is another important supervisory field in which the principal may assist teachers. Constant study is going on in this field. The new State bulletins, Massachusetts Curriculum Guides, were distributed to all Elementary School teachers at the Opening School Conference. Every effort will be made to develop further these supervisory activities.

The patience, assistance and encouragement given to me by you and all school officials are indeed appreciated. My orientation has been a pleasant experience. I hope I can do my part to make your plans for the future successful.

ART

Louise B. Spier, Supervisor

"The growth of a child's creative power is like a plant. It must be surrounded with favorable learning situations, loving teachers and parents, in order to develop and mature."—Gretchen Grimm.

The art program has endeavored to provide art experiences in correlation with other school subjects as well as from personal interests and imagination to help achieve the total development and growth of the child.

The pupils in the seventh and eighth grades and the high school art club participated again in the International School Art Program sponsored by the American Junior Red Cross and the National Art Education Association by painting pictures portraying personal impressions of what they do, see or feel in their daily experience and so give foreign children an effective conception of American life. The pictures selected were on exhibition at the Elementary School and in one of the store windows in the town. Through the North Attleboro Red Cross Chapter, we enjoyed a filmstrip on Micronesia which showed paintings done by students.

Fourths, fifth and sixth grade pupils submitted animal posters to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Seven out of fifteen posters sent were awarded prizes. The winners were as follows:

- Grade 4 1st prize—Nancy Keyes
2nd prize—William Hurkett
3rd prize—Sandra Evans
- Grade 5 1st prize—Richard Clark
3rd prize—Alden Smith, Jr.
- Grade 6 1st prize—Fred Clentimack
2nd prize—Juanita Ruest

In grades seven and eight and the high school art club, posters were made for the National Poppy Poster Contest for the American Legion Auxiliary. The winners of the local contest were:

- Grade 7 Judith Stolworthy
- Grade 9 Mildred Frederickson
- Grade 10 Anne Kilham

Anne Kilham also won the county and state contests with her poster which was entered in the National Contest. We feel justly proud of Anne's achievement.

This fall, the high school art students made posters for the Lions Club in connection with their light bulb sale.

With the increased classes in the Elementary School, the time allowed every other week for the art supervisor's visit to each room has been cut short by fifteen minutes in grades four, five, six, seven and eight. It would be a great benefit to the high school classes to have more time, especially for mechanical drawing to help students who plan to go to technical schools and colleges.

It was with great pride and satisfaction that I attended the commencement exercises at the Massachusetts School of Art, last June. George P. Bucklin, Jr., one of our former high school graduates, received the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts having completed the course in Advertising and Product Design.

Again, I wish to express my grateful thanks for the splendid co-operation extended to me by the teachers, principal, school committee and you, Mr. Nourse.

MUSIC

Nahum P. Gillespie, Supervisor

Junior-Senior High School

There are three ways to use Music; to perform it, to listen to it, to create it. During the past year in both Junior and Senior High we have endeavored to utilize a portion of each. Today we have to guard against allowing our children and ourselves as well from always listening to music and never producing any ourselves.

During the month of May, the entire High School Glee Club, accompanied by several members of the faculty, attended a Concert by the famous Pop Concert Orchestra in Symphony Hall, Boston. It proved a great treat to all, especially to the young people who were hearing the Boston Symphony for the first time.

At the close of the year, as a reward for good attendance, and satisfactory work, silver pins in the shape of a musical lyre were presented to the Glee Club members.

With the opening of the school year this fall, new music books "The American Singer" were distributed to the seventh and eighth grades. That made the three Junior-High grades up to date with interesting music books.

If enough interest can be found to warrant classes in Instrumental instruction such will be started, with the hope that it will in time develop material for an orchestra and perhaps a band.

MUSIC

Harriet F. Washburn, Supervisor Primary School

The music program in the first five grades progressed satisfactorily last year, covering: singing by rote and note; taking part in the rhythmic orchestra, a really co-operative activity; dancing the singing games and folk dances of America and other countries; and learning to listen and appreciate well-loved worthwhile music.

It is my sincere hope that the children's ability in reading music will continue to improve so that full enjoyment of music may be increased and that the music program in the Plainville Schools will help to enrich their lives.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. John T. Cotter

The annual examination of the students in the Plainville Schools is being conducted. To date, no serious disease has been found in any student. All applicants for athletic activities have been permitted to participate.

The new system of examining students of selected grades each year was started last year and is being continued this year. It seems to work very well, and gives more time for consideration of each student's problem.

In the spring of last year, a clinic was held for inoculations. It was well-attended. This clinic will be offered again this year.

I wish to thank Mrs. Claudy and the members of the faculty for their assistance to me.

SCHOOL NURSE

Janet Claudy, R.N.

Three immunization clinics were held during the spring months in the health unit at the Elementary School. At this time, the inoculations of a triple antigen were administered to all eligible Plainville children. This form of immunization is supplied by the State and protects a child against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough.

During the month of May a registration was held for all prospective first-graders. At this time, candidates for first grade were enrolled and introduced to school officials who explained necessary school regulations. Members of the P.T.A. served refreshments to the children and their mothers in the cafeteria.

In early October, all members of the Senior Class and all recently-employed personnel received chest x-rays.

Pupils in grades one, four, seven, nine and eleven, as well as new students who did not receive a physical examination in the past year, and all athletes will be examined by the School Physician.

Students in grades one, three, five, seven, nine and eleven will receive hearing and vision tests. All pupils will be weighed and measured each year. At the close of the present term, parents will be notified of any existing defect.

Examinations by State Hygienist for all students in the first six grades will take place in January.

I should like to thank Dr. Cotter, Mr. Nourse and Mr. Sharp, as well as members of the teaching staff, for their excellent cooperation in the health program.

Closing

Once again, I express my deep appreciation of the sincere interest and effective work which the members of the Plainville School Committee have given to the Plainville Schools. I want to call to the attention of the public the long hours and careful study the members have spent in their official duties.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE G. NOURSE.

Superintendent

PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**Exercises, June 18, 1953**

Theme—"We Have Only to Look"

Processional

Invocation

Rev. John M. Bowmar

Salutatory "Man's New Power"

Leslie Earle Negus

Essay "A Defense of the Three R's"

Dorolyn Ann McGowan

Glee Club "You'll Never Walk Alone"

Rodgers

Valedictory "Modern Design"

John Anthony Hayes

Glee Club "Czecho-Slovakian Dance Song"

Manney

"The Halls of Ivy"

Russell-Knight

Address "What Has Our Education Done to Us?"

Mr. Ernest R. Caverly

Class Gift Presentation

John Anthony Hayes

Presentation of Awards

Principal Roland L. Wolcott

Presentation of Diplomas

Mr. Edward H. Hemmingsen

Plainville School Committee

Benediction

Rev. John M. Bowmar

Recessional

CLASS ROLL

Harvey Wilfred Austin

Robertta Ann Logan

Nancy Elaine Babbitt

Dorolyn Ann McGowan

Robert Earle Barney

Jeanne Eileen Morrisseau

Gary Brown Berkley

Leslie Earle Negus

Shirley Jean Bucklin	Ina Perle Peck
John Anthony Hayes	Barbara Margaret Stoddard
Peter Hemmingsen	Kenneth Bradford Youngdahl

CLASS OFFICERS

President	John Anthony Hayes
Vice-President	Kenneth Bradford Youngdahl
Treasurer	Harvey Wilfred Austin
Secretary	Ina Perle Peck
Valedictorian	John Anthony Hayes
Salutatorian	Leslie Earle Negus
Marshals	Jacqueline Ruest, '54 William Searle, '54

CLASS COLORS

Blue and White

CLASS MOTTO

"We Build Tomorrow on Yesterday"

STATISTICS

Extracts from the School Census, October 1953

	Girls	Boys
Pupils between 5 and 7	58	44
Pupils between 7 and 16	158	174
	<hr/> 216	<hr/> 218

Perfect Attendance for the School Year 1952-53

Grade 12	Dorolyn McGowan
Grade 11	Sandra LeBlanc
Grade 10	Eugene Norton, Susan Reynolds, Beverly Snell

Grade 9	Elizabeth McQuade
Grade 8	None
Grade 7	Rose Reynolds, Jean Skinner
Grade 6	Fred Clentimack, Linda Morris, Stephanie Stafford
Grade 5	Judith Cobb, Betty Davis, Fred Breitenbach, Walter Burlingame, James Card, James Ruest
Grade 4	Karel Breitenbach, Beverly Nadeau
Grade 3	Everett Skinner
Grade 2	Alan Godoin, Robert Peasley, Elaine Davis, Albert Newman
Grade 1	Jill Lomasney, Eric Christensen

Work Certificates

Number of full-time educational certificates issued	52
Number of part-time educational certificates issued	39
Number of part-time employment permits issued	9
Number of full-time employment permits issued	1
Average number of days the Elementary Schools were in session	177
Number of days the High School was in session	181

ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 1953

	Aggregate Attendance	Average Daily Attendance	Total Membership	Average Membership	Per Cent of Attendance	Number of Tardy Marks	Number of Dismissals
High School	14,955.	83.12	93	86.81	95.66	226	51
Grade 8	3,526.	20.38	22	21.54	92.64	43	11
Grade 7	4,373.	25.26	28	26.58	95.12	44	10
Grade 6	5,825.5	33.66	37	35.41	95.09	48	4
Grade 5	6,547.5	37.84	40	39.49	95.82	33	14
Grade 4	7,175.5	41.48	43	43.	96.47	13	4
Grade 3	3,466.	20.03	24	21.14	94.75	11	0
Grade 2-3	4,117.	23.79	27	24.94	95.41	21	1
Grade 2	4,137.	23.91	26	26.38	96.03	15	0
Grade 1 (R)	4,392.	25.33	28	27.33	92.00	4	5
Grade 1 (Z)	3,864.8	22.34	24	23.58	94.51	24	8
Total	62,377.2	357.14	392	376.20	95.22	482	108

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1953

GIRLS

Ages	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total
Grade 1	5	22															27
Grade 2		8	20	1													29
Grade 3			4	17													21
Grade 4				3	10												13
Grade 5					5	17	1	1									24
Grade 6						4	14	2									20
Grade 7							2	15	1	2	1						21
Grade 8								4	4	3							11
Grade 9										12	2						14
Grade 10										6	5						11
Grade 11											6	6	1				13
Grade 12												5	5	1			11
	5	30	24	21	15	21	17	22	5	23	14	11	6	1			215

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1953

BOYS

Ages	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total
Grade 1	6	12	1														19
Grade 2		11	12	4													27
Grade 3			2	10	2												14
Grade 4				1	12	4	3										20
Grade 5					2	9	5	2									18
Grade 6						1	11	4									16
Grade 7							4	8	2	1							15
Grade 8								7	4	9							20
Grade 9										3	1						4
Grade 10										3	5	2					10
Grade 11										1	7	3	2				13
Grade 12												2	7	1			10
	6	23	15	15	16	14	23	21	6	17	13	7	9	1			186

LIST OF TEACHERS—JANUARY 1, 1954

School	Name	Where Educated	Date of Appt.
High School and Elementary	Kenneth L. Sharp, Principal	University of Maine, B.S., M. Ed.	1953
High School	Grenith M. Rose	Boston University, B.A.	1947
	Kathleen M. Crafts	Middlebury College, A.B.	1952
	Mildred T. Wallace	Pembroke College, A.B.	1952
	Arthur C. Murdock	Clark University, B.A.	1953
	Raymond L. Valaitis	Bryant College, B.S.	1953
Elementary 8	Catherine R. Reardon	R.I. College of Education, Ed.B.	1953
Elementary 7	D. Rita Davis	Bridgewater State Teachers' College, B.S. in Ed.	1948
Elementary 6	Joseph E. Glennon	Boston College	1953
Elementary 5-6	Morton Milesky	University of Miami, B.A.	1952
		Boston University, M.Ed.	
Elementary 4-5	Beatrice H. Wood	Framingham State Teachers' College	1930
Elementary 3-4	Esther F. Grant	Bridgewater State Teachers' College	1946
Elementary 3	Sylvia Blanchard	University of New Hampshire, A.B.	1953
Elementary 2	Jeanne S. Boyce	R.I. College of Education, Ed.B.	1952
Elementary 2	Ida L. Meade	Bridgewater State Teachers' College, B.S.	1953
Elementary 1	Lois J. Ramsay	Lesley College	1950
Elementary 1	Mary H. Zajac	R.I. College of Education, Ed.B.	1952
Drawing	Louise B. Spier	Massachusetts School of Art, B.S.	1945
Music	Nahum P. Gillespie	N.E. Conservatory of Music	1948
Music	Harriet F. Washburn	Boston Teachers' College	1948

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

We hereby present our annual report of the Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1953.

A change in the Board of Trustees presents Barbara P. Fluck as President, Arthur W. Washburn, Sr., and Alice M. Pease, Secretary.

Mrs. Violet Reynolds continues to act as librarian in a capable manner, and is in attendance on the required days, except when the holidays fall on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Repairs that have been needed on the roof have been completed.

	Fiction	1,877	
	Non-Fiction	8	
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	Total	1,885	
Appropriation			\$600.00
	Violet Reynolds, Librarian	\$151.00	
	Elmer Pease, Janitor	\$151.00	
	Expenses	6.00	
		<hr/>	157.00
	Alice Peace, Clerical	10.00	
	Expenses	6.00	
		<hr/>	16.00
	New Books	232.43	
	Oil, wood, repairs and supplies	33.75	
	Worcester County Electric Co.	10.00	
		<hr/>	\$600.00

Respectfully submitted

BARBARA P. FLUCK
ARTHUR W. WASHBURN
ALICE M. PEASE

Trustees of the Public Library

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

As directed by you, I submit herewith my report as Treasurer for the Town of Plainville, for the accounting period from January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953. This report reflects all financial transactions during the period under review and is supported by the following schedules.

Schedule of Cash Received

Schedule of Cash Payments

Schedule of Estimated Receipts

Schedule of Appropriations, Balances carried forward,
Transfers, amounts expended and unexpended
balances.

Schedule of Maturing Debt and interest payments due
by years.

Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1953 including Trust
Accounts and Debt Account.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD OSTERHOLM,

Treasurer, Town of Plainville

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953

Cash balance January 1, 1953	\$60,188.01
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CASH RECEIVED**Federal Grants:**

Old Age Assistance	\$9,580.30
Old Age Assistance-Adm.	644.86
Disability Assistance	494.09
Disability Assistance-Adm	34.94
Aid Dependent Children	
Aid Dependent Children-Adm	4.00
Special School Lunch	11,450.31
Special School Athletic Fund	611.15
Dog Tax Collection	749.80
Tax Levy 1950 Account	88.00
Tax Levy 1951 Account	1,657.77
Tax Levy 1952 Account	7,150.97
Tax Levy 1953 Account	106,508.68
Chapter 90-Highway-1952 a/c	1,396.57
Chapter 81-Highway-1952 a/c	7,233.91
Chapter 90-Highway-1953 a/c	1,999.64
Road Machinery Reserve-Highway	1,756.80
Refunds-Disability Assistance	26.40
Refund-Highway	7.40
Interest-School Fund	17.27
Sale of Land	7,889.90
Estimated Receipts-Schedule	94,405.28
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Total Receipts	\$253,707.14
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	\$313,895.15

DISBURSEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953**Federal Grants:**

Old Age Assistance	\$10,405.33
Disability Assistance	206.35
Old Age Assistance-Adm	783.57
Disability Assistance-Adm.	14.55
Aid to Dependent Children-Adm.	24.45

Special School Lunch	11,560.30
Special School Athletic Fund	591.90
State and County:	
County Tax	3,515.70
County Hospital	1,589.65
Dog Tax Payments	734.20
State Auditing	747.02
State Park Tax	277.15
Abatement 1953 Levy	5.67
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	10,000.00
Appropriation Payments-Schedule	212,443.57
Refunds Motor Vehicle-1952 Levy	34.19
Refunds Motor Vehicle-1953 Levy	34.41
Reimbursement for Damage-School Dept.	596.17
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	\$253,564.18
Cash Balance on December 31, 1953	60,330.97
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	\$313,895.15

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS—DECEMBER 31, 1953

FROM COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Old Age Assistance	\$8,399.23
Aid Dependent Children	19.95
Disability Assistance	498.81
Income Tax-General	4,204.85
Income Tax-Corporation	10,084.13
Income Tax-School	14,811.80
Income Tax-State	3,302.37
Meal Tax	482.16
Agricultural	50.00
Reimbursement of Taxes	25.21
Tuition	50.00
Transportation	2,699.20
School Aid	910.16
Vocational Aid	386.60
School Building Reimbursement	9,971.40
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Total from Commonwealth	\$55,895.87

FROM OTHER SOURCES

Motor Vehicle Excise-Taxes 1952 Levy	4,666.32
Motor Vehicle Excise-Taxes 1953 Levy	17,627.37
Water Rates & Supplies	6,151.02
Interest & Charges	407.87
Old Age Assistance-North Attleboro	544.73
Welfare-Attleboro	824.66
Old Age Assistance-Mansfield	28.66
Soldier's Relief-Wrentham	530.00
Dog Tax Refund-County	515.02
Rents & Leases	400.00
Insurance Claim-Travelers	616.98
Milk Licenses	43.00
Sale of Equipment & Material	44.68
Sale of Truck-Highway	150.00
Sale of Wood	40.00
Damages	1.50
County License	16.00
Town Clerk-Licenses	5,817.50
Sealer of Weights	62.90
Police Dept.	18.00
Library Fines	3.00
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Total from Other Sources	38,509.41
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Actual Receipts from Estimates	\$94,405.28

SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS — DECEMBER 31, 1953

Schedule of Maturities and Interest Payable Yearly

December 31st	\$50,000.00 Issue	\$275,000.00 Issue	Total	Balance Dec. 31st	Interest Payable
1953	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	265,000.00	.....
1954	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	245,000.00	5,300.00
1955	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	225,000.00	4,900.00
1956	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	205,000.00	4,500.00
1957	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	185,000.00	4,100.00
1958	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	165,000.00	3,700.00
1959	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	145,000.00	3,300.00
1960	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	125,000.00	2,900.00
1961	.....	15,000.00	15,000.00	110,000.00	2,500.00
1962	.....	15,000.00	15,000.00	95,000.00	2,200.00
1963	.....	15,000.00	15,000.00	80,000.00	1,900.00
1964	.....	15,000.00	15,000.00	65,000.00	1,600.00
1965	.....	15,000.00	15,000.00	50,000.00	1,300.00
1966	.....	10,000.00	10,000.00	40,000.00	1,000.00
1967	.....	10,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00	800.00
1968	.....	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	600.00
1969	.....	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	400.00
1970	.....	10,000.00	10,000.00	.....	200.00

APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES

Accounts	Appropriations	Refunds & Transfers	Payments	Balances
Public Library	\$ 600.00	.....	\$ 600.00	.....
Selectmen	2,500.00	.....	2,426.51	\$ 73.59
Treasurer	900.00	.....	885.99	14.01
Town Clerk	525.00	.....	511.27	13.73
Assessors	1,500.00	.....	1,455.48	44.52
Tax Collector	1,000.00	.....	996.42	3.58
Registrars	650.00	.....	638.32	11.68
Auditor	75.00	.....	75.00	.....
Sealer of Weights	75.00	.....	75.00	.....
Insurance	2,000.00	.....	1,973.74	26.26
Welfare Dept.	2,500.00	.....	2,182.59	317.41
Aid to Dependent Children	400.00	.....	.....	400.00
Old Age Assistance	11,000.00	.....	11,000.00	.....
Veteran's Benefits	300.00	.....	64.00	236.00
Highway—Center of Town	4,200.00	\$ 757.40	4,950.30	7.10
Memorial Day	200.00	.....	176.08	23.92
Interest—Bonded Debt	5,700.00	.....	5,650.00	50.00*
Interest—Anticipation Notes	200.00	.....	.....	200.00
Fire Department	4,350.00	.....	4,343.92	6.08
Street Lights	5,700.00	.....	5,593.72	106.28
Water Dept.—General	7,300.00	.....	7,300.00	.....
Water Tank Repair	3,500.00	.....	3.75	3,496.25*
Board of Health	1,700.00	.....	1,583.88	116.12
Police Department	4,800.00	.....	4,767.84	32.16
Tree Warden	300.00	.....	299.50	.50
Snow Removal	3,800.00	.....	3,797.62	2.38
Public Park	1,000.00	.....	997.43	2.57
School Department	76,643.00	17.27	76,650.52	9.75
Town Forest Committee	75.00	.....	73.60	1.40
Town Office Building	1,100.00	.....	1,079.86	20.14
Maturing Debt	20,000.00	.....	20,000.00	.....

Welfare Agent	800.00	.....	800.00	.....
Official's Bonds	292.00	.....	292.00	.....
Moth Department	800.00	.....	800.00	.....
Town Dump	300.00	.....	294.80	5.20
Drainage System	2,200.00	.....	2,199.06	.94
Regional School Committee		200.00		200.00*
Norfolk County Retirement	1,028.04	.....	1,028.04	.....
Highway—Chapter 90	1,000.00	.....	2,999.46	.54
Highway—Chapter 81	4,300.00	9,075.00	13,349.47	25.53
Foreclosing Tax Titles		255.83		255.83*
Library Building Committee		100.00		100.00*
Athletic Fund—School	300.00	.....	300.00	.....
Forest Fires		282.25	282.25	.....
Wire Inspector	250.00	.....	200.00	50.00
School Building Committee		9.68		9.68
Water Installations				
School Street	3,452.00	.....	3,452.00	.....
Fletcher Street	2,030.00	.....	2,030.00	.....
East Bacon Street	3,452.00	1,514.75	4,175.85	790.90*
Warren Street	1,917.00	.....	1,917.00	.....
Sidney, Cooney, etc.		2,335.75	2,245.64	90.11
Dutch Elm	400.00	.....	400.00	.....
Fire Equipment	9,000.00	.....	8,949.50	50.50
Disability Assistance	2,000.00	26.40	903.43	1,122.97
Vocational Aid	1,000.00	.....	844.25	155.75
School Yard	1,400.00	.....	1,265.28	134.72
Tuberculosis Program	100.00	.....		100.00
Head Wall and Fence	1,150.00	.....	1,091.95	58.05
Sidewalks—St. Martha's	300.00	.....	300.00	.....
Sidewalks—Wades Hill	4,000.00	.....	2,171.25	1,828.75
	<u>\$206,064.04</u>	<u>\$16,574.33</u>	<u>\$212,443.57</u>	<u>\$10,194.80</u>
		Amount Credited to Surplus Revenue		\$5,301.82
		*Balance brought forward to 1954 Accounts		\$4,892.98

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1953

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash—Manufacturers National Bank	\$55,251.14	FEDERAL GRANTS	\$144.08
Cash—National Shawmut Bank	5,079.83	Old Age Assistance	5.33
		Aid Dependent Children	4415
		Disability Assistance	293.23
		Old Age Assistance—Adm.	37.83
		Disability Assistance Adm.	\$524.62
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE			
Tax Levy 1951 Account	170.04	REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED	
Tax Levy 1952 Account	3,686.20	Tax Titles	\$525.11
Tax Levy 1953 Account	11,948.50	Tax Title Possession	467.41
		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	4,187.37
		Water Rates and Supplies	1,098.42
Less: Overpayment Tax		State Aid to Highways	5,481.40
Levy 1950 Account	15,804.74		11,759.71
	44.00		
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX		OVERLAY RESERVES	
Levy of 1952	7.24	Tax Levy 1951 Account	170.04
Levy of 1953	4,180.13	Tax Levy 1952 Account	2,273.85
		Tax Levy 1953 Account	315.83
TAX TITLES AND POSSESSIONS			2,759.72
Tax Titles	525.11	SPECIAL ACCOUNTS	
Tax Title Possession	467.41	School Lunch	404.34
		Athletic Fund	169.00
DEPARTMENTAL			573.34
Water Rates and Supplies	1,098.42	APROPRIATION BALANCES	
Highway—State Aid—Chapter 81	5,481.40	Foreclosure of Tax Titles	255.83
		Interest of Bonded Debt	50.00
State and County Taxes		Water Tank Repairs	3,496.25
		Regional School Committee	200.00
			\$87,975.24

Library Building Committee	100.00	
East Bacon Street Water	790.90	
		4,892.98
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS		
Overlay Surplus	4,451.55	
Road Machinery Reserve	2,372.80	
Sale of Real Estate Fund	10,389.00	
Dog Tax Collections	15.60	
Revenue Account	6.00	
		17,234.95
Surplus Revenue		50,229.92
		<u>\$87,975.24</u>

TRUST ACCOUNTS

School Fund—Cash
Library Stabilization Fund—Cash
Public Library Building Fund—Cash
Rehabilitation Fund—Bonds

\$727.30	School Fund
5,665.26	Library Fund
72.80	Public Park
10,000.00	Rehabilitation Fund
<u>\$16,465.36</u>	

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10,000.00
<u>\$16,465.36</u>

NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

Funded or Fixed Debt

\$265,000.00	School Building Loan
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\$265,000.00

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby present our annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

During the year 3 arrests were made. Crimes against property, 1; Crimes against public order, 2.

Complaints and investigations, 153.

Papers served for out-of-town department, 35. Summons, 35. Capias, O. Warrants, O.

Motor vehicle accidents for the year, 52. Persons injured, 36.

In submitting this report, I wish to thank your Board, and members of this department for the cooperation shown during the year 1953.

Appropriations		\$4,800.00
Salaries	\$4,454.62	
Telephone	142.89	
Supplies	167.33	
Dues	3.00	
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Expended		4,767.84
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Balance		\$32.16

Respectfully submitted

CHESTER A. MEYER,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

Our report to you for the year 1953 is quite similar to previous years, as far as fire losses are concerned. The number of alarms being about average.

We would like to thank Mr. Howard Bigelow and the A. & J. Tool Finding Company for the storage favors granted to us.

The program of enlarging our alarms system has gone forward with one new box added and another one partially installed. The second one has been halted due to relocation of telephone poles. Some time in the near future, the town will have to consider the purchase of more alarm equipment for the fire station.

During the year the new apparatus, voted at Town Meeting was delivered, and has proved to be a very valuable addition to our department. We feel that it gives the people residing outside of the water district a great deal more protection.

We have answered calls for our portable lighting system and resuscitator, also we have had occasions to use the "Scott Air Pack," purchased in 1949.

Again we wish to thank your board and every member of the department for their help and cooperation.

Appropriation	\$4,350.00
Salaries	\$1,730.00
Janitor	120.00
Gas & Light	76.12
Telephone	152.59
Hose	815.38

Supplies	553.11
Insurance	220.18
Alarm Systems	461.24
Maintenance	207.40
Dues	8.00
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	\$4,343.92
Balance	<hr/>
	\$6.08

Respectfully submitted:

ALTON E. FRENCH, Chief

CHRISTIAN F. HENRICH, First Ass't

CHESTER A. MEYER, Second Ass't

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK AND DAIRIES

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Milk and Dairies for the Town of Plainville, for the year ending December 31, 1953, as follows:

Milk Licenses issued: 34 @ \$1.	\$34.00
Oleomargarine Licenses: 9 @ \$1.	9.00
Cash paid Town Treasurer	\$43.00

Respectfully submitted,

EARL B. THOMPSON,

Milk Inspector

BOARD OF HEALTH

Your Board of Health during the year of 1953 has had the usual number of minor complaints, which have been adjusted satisfactorily.

Our Sanitation Inspector, Mr. Putnam Steele, has done a very excellent job in his inspection of all eating establishments in the town, together with his quarterly inspection of all milk and cream sold in the town.

We have two problems confronting us for 1954. First, the Town Dump, which is on the land belonging to Mrs. Lina Stierli. Mr. William Stierli met with the Selectmen in November, with the proposition that the Town should pay some rent for the use of this land. We have an article in the Town Warrent asking for an annual rental to be paid Mrs. Stierli of \$150.

Second, collection of garbage. The State recently passed a law requiring that all garbage fed to swine must first be cooked. This will add greatly to the cost of handling garbage. Mr. Gucwa and Mr. Bielecki met with the Board of Selectmen and talked over this matter. The proposition they put up to the Selectmen was that the Town pay them a yearly fee of \$1200. for such collection. This is an increase of \$600. over what we paid last year.

The following is a list of diseases on record at this office.

Chicken Pox	7
German Measles	2
Scarlet Fever	6
Mumps	2
Dog Bite	4

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN
LEROY B. WILSON
NORMAN A. MCGILL

Board of Health

TOWN PHYSICIAN REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

During the year 1953, a quiet year relative to Welfare care, a total of 14 calls in all were made. Of this total, only two individuals were involved.

In most cases, free medicines were given.

Thanking you for past consideration, I remain

DR. MAURICE D. GRANT

Town Physician

ASSESSORS REPORT, 1953

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Report of the Board of Assessors for the year ending December 31, 1953, follows:

Total Appropriations Town Meeting	\$237,677.41
Overlay Reserve	3,004.02

Total Appropriations	\$240,681.43
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Total Estimated Receipts	119,482.33
Amount to be raised by Taxation	121,199.10

\$240,681.43

Taxes Committed:

Real Estate @ \$54. per thousand valuation	\$101,836.98
Personal Property @ \$54. per thousand	18,240.12
Poll Tax @ \$2. valuation	1,122.00

\$121,199.10

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Excise Tax:

Total Valuation of cars assessed	\$533,561.00
Total Tax assessed	23,729.00
Total Number of cars assessed	1,188
Number of Persons, Partnerships, and Corporations assessed	1,027
Number of Polls	561
Number of Dwelling houses	630
Number of Acres of Land	63,060
Total Real Estate Valuation	\$1,885,870.00
Total Personal	337,780.00
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Total	\$2,223,650.00

Live Stock Assessed

Horses	17
Cattle	154
Swine	310
Sheep	15
Fowl	3,985
All others	30

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. QUIRK
 SYDNEY J. ANDREWS
 FRANK V. HENRICH

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

CENTER TOWN

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
Appropriation		\$4,200.00
Transferred		500.00
		<hr/> \$4,700.00
Payrolls:	\$1,740.30	
Gas, Oil and Parts:		
A. Paulus	\$410.84	
Chas. S. Cobb	364.10	
F. Benker	315.76	
Eastern Tire Sales	112.84	
Averill's Garage	111.66	
Socony Vacuum Co., Oil	33.30	
	<hr/> 1,348.50	
Anderson Engineering, blades	46.10	
Standard Sign & Equipment Co., signs	68.65	
Sandberg Equipment; torches, rakes, shovels	55.55	
M. F. Ellis, supplies	30.25	
S. W. Bray, Walpole, sharpening	3.60	
W. H. Riley & Sons, universal joints	19.10	
E. Skinner, hydraulic pump for plow	50.00	
Attleboro & Plainville Coal & Oil Co., Inc., supplies	59.01	
Plainville Machine Company, repairs	35.50	
Saltzmans', rubber suits	35.82	
State Tree Experts, power saw	24.00	
Diamond Match Company, lumber	23.56	
Schofield Hardware Company, supplies	25.15	
Franklin Hardware, wire, nails	29.10	
Flynn, Hardware, wire	5.04	
Nerney Motor Sales, supplies	85.13	
Thorpe Automotive, parts	222.17	
Lowell Building Wrecking Company, bricks	60.00	
Plainville Hardware Co., misc. supplies	40.17	
Tromley Hardware Co., misc. supplies	52.61	
Express charges	21.08	
George Dean, repair cushion	30.00	

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
Gravel and Asphalt:		
Norfolk Asphalt Concrete Co.	\$137.35	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone	111.13	
Mack Construction Company	79.38	
Walsh & Babineau	9.00	
L. Grimaldi & Son	8.00	
	<hr/> 344.86	
		<hr/> 4,455.25

Truck and Machinery Hire:

Alec Fredrickson, tractor and loader	79.25
M. F. Cash, loader	35.00
Mervin Gay, grader and roller	35.80
L. Morrell, compressor	9.00
J. A. Munroe & Son, grader	24.50
W. H. Riley & Son, bulldozer	34.50
Town of Plainville, trucks	20.00
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	\$4,693.30

Appropriation	\$4,700.00
Expended	4,693.30
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Balance	\$ 6.70

SNOW ACCOUNT

Payrolls	\$1,150.10	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone, sand	391.38	
Mack Construction Co., sand	325.87	
International Salt Co., calcium chloride	409.00	
W. K. Gilmore & Sons, salt	132.50	
Anderson Engineering, cutting edges and transp.	55.90	
Franklin Hardware Co., posts	25.87	
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		\$2,490.62

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
Truck and Machinery Hire:		
Town of Plainville		662.00
Alec Fredrickson,		
plowing and loading snow	\$167.50	
loading sand	297.50	
		465.00
Merrill N. Falk II, plowing sidewalks		168.00
John Cooper, plowing sidewalks		12.00
		\$3,797.62
Appropriation	\$3,800.00	
Expended	3,797.62	
Balance	\$ 2.38	

TOWN DUMP

Appropriation		\$300.00
Payrolls	\$166.30	
Alec Fredrickson, tractor	26.00	
L. Morrell, power shovel	56.00	
M. F. Cash, gravel	46.50	
		294.80
Balance		\$ 5.20

HIGHWAY—CHAPTER 81

Payrolls		\$4,819.37
Norfolk Asphalt:		
Asphalt	\$272.81	
Concrete	157.58	
		430.39
Mack Construction Co.:		
RC-2	\$1,166.09	
MC-1	143.96	
MC-3	201.55	
Trimount Bituminous: RC-2	71.98	
Kopper Co., T-3	212.30	
		1,795.88

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
Gravel and Sand:		
Mack Construction	\$325.69	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone	243.63	
J. A. Munroe & Sons	171.75	
Cavalieri & Son	22.75	
Iacuzzi	44.80	
		808.62
Solvay Sales: Cal. Chloride	\$117.20	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.:		
Manhole Covers	141.60	
Pipe	603.36	
Grates	117.00	
Riley Bros., Lumber	238.24	
Southeastern Construction:		
Block, Radius Blocks and		
Rings	441.64	
Commonwealth of Mass., inlets	27.40	
Misc. Supplies	120.84	
		1,807.28
		\$9,661.54
Truck Hire:		
Town of Plainville	\$690.40	
Jas. A. Munroe & Son:		
Truck Hire	\$359.50	
Grader	423.75	
		783.25
L. Morrell: Back hoe	\$934.00	
Shovel	231.00	
Compressor	220.00	
		1,385.00
Mack Construction Company:		
Roller with operator	\$52.00	
A. Fredrickson:		
Power Loader	96.00	
Tractor Mower	352.00	
		448.00

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
Mervin Gay:		
Grader and Roller	\$49.25	
Truck Hire	102.15	
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Earle's Service Station:		
Truck Hire	26.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,536.05
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		\$13,197.59
Appropriation	\$4,125.00	
State and County	9,075.00	
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	\$13,200.00	
Expended	13,197.59	
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Balance	\$2.41	
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CHAPTER 90—HIGHWAY

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Transferred		2,000.00
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		\$3,000.00
Labor	\$874.19	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone:		
Pea Stone	616.35	
Mack Construction, RC-3	863.77	
	<hr/>	\$2,354.31
Truck Hire:		
Town of Plainville		150.40
Alec Fredrickson, tractor		84.00
James A. Munroe & Son, grader		63.75
Mack Construction Co., roller		204.00
M. F. Cash, tractor	80.00	
Truck Hire	63.00	
	<hr/>	143.00
	<hr/>	\$2,999.46
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Balance		.54

REPORT OF PARK AND PLAYGROUND

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

We hereby submit our annual report.

We wish to express our appreciation to the many people who cooperated with us to make our 1953 season a very successful one.

To the Fire Department for helping us clean the pool.

To the Police Department for helping us curb the vandalism.

We wish to thank the Fourth of July Committee and all those associated with the celebration in making it a success.

Mr. Milesky again carried on as supervisor of the Town Park in a very efficient manner. He conducted swimming lessons to a much larger group of children, under the Red Cross Safety program.

New park benches and tables were distributed within the Park.

The comfort station was open this year, and proved to be a much needed addition to the park. We feel certain now that it is a success, and wish to thank everyone for their cooperation in keeping it clean.

One of our main difficulties in the park is the automobile traffic problem. To overcome this, we are constructing a parking lot in the rear of the Fire Station, extending back to the bandstand. There should be ample room for all cars going to the park and will keep them from going down to where children will be playing.

We wish to emphasize to the townspeople that the park is very important part of the childrens summer life. The

number of children that use the pool and equipment has doubled in the last few years. It has reached the point where it is necessary to have added supervision. We are hoping in the coming year to be able to afford a program of active sports and games to keep the children occupied.

Appropriation		\$1,00.00
A. & S. Supply (Supplies)	\$78.62	
C. S. Cobb (Supplies Equipment)	140.15	
Plainville Spa (Supplies)	8.21	
Frank Dinsmore (Freight Charge on Equipment)	34.63	
Plainville Hardware (Supplies)	7.02	
Fred Fluck (Mower & Labor)	17.00	
James Munroe (Labor & Pump)	19.00	
W. H. Riley (Bulldozer & Shovel)	158.00	
Everett Skinner (Labor)	22.40	
Harry Proal (Labor)	24.00	
Raymond Poirier (Labor)	32.00	
Morton Milesky (Labor)	456.00	
Total		<u>\$997.43</u>
Balance		<u>\$2.57</u>

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE SKINNER
ROBERT FAWCETT
ARTHUR MYERS

Park and Playground Commissioners

REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year 1953, wiring permits were granted to wire:

- 1 Church
- 12 New Houses
 - 1 Rebuilt House—Rewired
 - 3 Cottages—Wired complete
 - 3 Cottages—Incomplete
- 10 New services
 - 4 Changed from 2 to 3 wire
 - 1 Change of location
 - 1 New factory—Complete
 - 1 Alteration of wiring and installation of new lighting system in factory.
 - 1 Gas Station—Complete
 - 1 Rewiring new pumps for gas station and other alterations.
- 1 Restaurant
- 4 Hot water heaters (off peak load meters)
- 3 Electric Ranges
 - 2 Electric Signs
- 31 Oil burners were installed last year.

We wish to express our appreciation for the co-operation of the Worcester County Electric Company, home owners and Electrical Contractors.

Respectfully submitted:

C. GEORGE HAYES

Inspector of Wires

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the books of the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, and Water Department have been examined by me and found correct.

All amounts collected and paid to the Treasurer by the Tax Collector and Water Department agree with his statements, as well as all uncollected amounts.

The books of the Town Clerk, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Milk Inspector, School Lunch Fund and Police Department have been examined and they also agree with the records of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE H. CARPENTER,

Town Auditor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The following streets received surface treatments in the Center of the Town; Pleasant, Grove, Spring, also Witherell Place, Highland Avenue and Bacon Square. .

The streets in the outlying sections of the town that received surface treatments during 1953 were Fletcher and Riley Street, Cooney Avenue, Freemont, Hawkins, Berry, George, School, Brunner, Walnut Street and Hillside Road.

The following streets in the outlying sections of the town were gravelled: Mathurin Road, George, Cowell, Rhodes and Wampum Street.

Under Chapter 90, the following work was completed during the year. Messinger Street was resurfaced with crushed stone from the North Attleboro line to the Foxboro line. On Taunton Street one hundred and fifty feet of drainage was replaced.

The Bugbee Street drainage was completed, totaling six hundred and fifty feet for 1953.

With the help of the Commonwealth, the drainage on West Bacon Street was extended four hundred and twelve feet to the corner of Warren Street. It is our plan to continue this drainage another nine hundred and fifty feet on West Bacon Street.

The Board of Selectmen wish to thank Mr. Clarence F. Telford in behalf of the Town, for the wonderful co-operation he has given the Board in 1953. Through his efforts and the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, we were able to build a sidewalk on South Street from the Town Office to the top of Wade's Hill, and in front of St. Martha's Church, which will add greatly to the safety of pedestrians. Also through his efforts, the broken lines on South Street in front of the schools were changed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works to solid lines, giving greater safety to the school children.

The Board acknowledges the fine co-operation of the various Town Departments during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,
LEROY B. WILSON,
NORMAN A. MCGILL,

Board of Selectmen

SELECTMEN'S CURRENT AND INCIDENTALS

To Whom Payable		Amount	Total
Appropriations			\$2,500.00
Salaries: Board of Selectmen	\$700.00		
Clerk of Selectmen	322.50	\$1,022.50	
Election and Town Meeting			
Expenses	91.00		
Town Reports	688.20		
Warrants	27.50		
Ballots	40.00		
Jury Lists	5.00		
		\$851.70	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph		167.64	
Dues: Selectmen's Associations		31.00	
Paul Armstrong, Legal Fees		76.35	
W. T. Whalen Engineering:			
Surveying and Plans		91.00	
Wesley H. Burton, Blue Prints		5.00	
Postage		27.50	
Advertising		11.10	
Stationery		39.46	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., forms		18.26	
Standard Sign & Equipment, signs		22.50	
Valentine Company,			
Typewriter Maintenance		8.50	
American Legion: Lights	\$8.92		
Water	10.00	18.92	
Miscellaneous supplies		35.08	
			\$2,426.51
Balance			\$73.49

GENERAL WELFARE

Appropriations		\$2,500.00
Cash Aid	\$1,610.56	
City of Attleborough	542.86	
Social Service Index, Boston	10.00	

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
Supplies	10.17	
Postage	9.00	
Expended:		\$2,182.59
Balance		\$317.41

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$1,700.00
John Bielecki, Garbage Contract	\$600.00	
Salary: Maurice D. Grant, M. D.		
Town Physician	100.00	
Putnam Steele, Sanitation Insp.	250.00	
Earl B. Thompson, Inspector		
of Animals	\$100.00	
Slaughtering	30.00	
Milk Inspector	50.00	180.00
Miscellaneous expenses		345.68
Labor on dump:	93.20	
Alec Fredrickson, tractor	8.00	
M. F. Cash, gravel	7.00	108.20
Expended		\$1,583.88
Balance		\$116.12

TOWN OFFICE MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$1,100.00
Attleboro & Plainville Coal Co., Inc.,		
fuel oil	\$773.33	
Worcester County Electric Company, lights	54.90	
Salary: Janitor	161.64	
Schofield Hardware Company;		
Repair heating system	55.88	
J. & H. Electric Company;		
Repair pump and parts	24.90	
Miscellaneous supplies	9.21	
Expended		\$1,079.86
Balance		\$ 20.14

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
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VOCATIONAL AID

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
City of Boston	\$300.00	
Town of Norwood	237.00	
Town of North Attleborough	16.80	
City of Taunton	10.80	
City of Brockton	4.20	
Transportation Charges	275.45	
Expended		844.25
		\$ 155.75

INSURANCE

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
T. E. A. Fuller Insurance Agency:		
Robbery and Burglary	\$58.28	
Highway Trucks	209.70	
Ex-Fire Coverage	1,154.82	
Travelers' Workmen's Compensation	530.27	
Old High School Building	20.67	
		1,973.74
Balance		\$ 26.26

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—Town Appropriation

Appropriation		\$11,000.00
Cash Aid	\$10,848.31	
Town of North Attleborough	30.74	
Town of Wrentham	71.20	
Town of Foxboro	43.32	
Town of Norton	6.43	
Expended		\$11,000.00

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—Town Appropriation		
Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Refund		26.40
		<hr/> \$2,026.40
Cash Aid		903.43
Balance		<hr/> \$1,122.97
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—Federal Grant		
Cash Aid		\$10,405.33
Cr. Balance January 1, 1953	\$ 319.11	
Received Federal Government, 1953	9,548.45	
Refund	31.85	
	<hr/>	9,899.41
Transferred from D. A. Federal Grant:		650.00
		<hr/> \$10,549.41
Expended		10,405.33
Balance		<hr/> \$ 144.08
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—Federal Grant Administration		
Balance January 1, 1953	\$431.94	
Received Fed. Gov't., 1953	644.86	
	<hr/>	\$1,076.80
Ruth Fulton, Agent, part salary	490.00	
Refund: travel and expenses	238.62	
South Shore Office Supply & Equipment: office chair	24.95	
Am. Public Welfare Association: Agency Membership	30.00	
	<hr/>	783.57
Expended		783.57
Balance		<hr/> \$293.23

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—Federal Grant		
Balance January 1, 1953	\$255.33	
Transferred to Fed. Grant O.A.A.	250.00	
Balance December 31, 1953		\$5.33
AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—Federal Grant Administration		
Balance January, 1953	\$20.45	
Received Fed. Gov't., 1953	4.00	
		\$24.45
Postage		\$24.45
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—Federal Grant		
Balance January 1, 1953	\$156.41	
Received Fed. Gov't., 1953	494.09	
		650.50
Cash Aid		206.35
		\$444.15
Transferred to O.A.A. Federal Grant		400.00
Balance		\$44.15

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Norfolk, ss.

To Either of the Constables of Plainville, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Plainville qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in High School Auditorium in said Plainville, on

MONDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH 1954, A.D.

at six-thirty o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

Article 1. The following Town Officers to be chosen by ballot, viz: One Moderator, one Town Clerk, one Selectman, Board of Welfare, one Auditor, one Tree Warden, and three Constables for one year. One Selectman, Board of Welfare, one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Trustee of Public Library, one Park Commissioner, and one member of School Committee for three years.

For this purpose the polls will open at 6:30 o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

For the consideration of all other articles in this Warrant the meeting will be adjourned to 7:30 p.m. of said day in the Auditorium of the new Elementary School on South Street in said town.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers not named in Article 1, for a term of one year.

Article 3. To consider and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and other Town Officers.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as pro-

vided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, as follows:

Moderator	\$20.00 each Annual Meeting
	10.00 each Special Meeting
Town Clerk	300.00 per year
Town Treasurer	600.00 per year
Selectmen, chairman	300.00 per year
Second Member	200.00 per year
Third Member	200.00 per year
Assessors, chairman	400.00 per year
Second Member	400.00 per year
Third Member	400.00 per year
Tax Collector	600.00 per year
School Committee	40.00 each member
Water Commissioners, Chairman	75.00 per year
Second Member	75.00 per year
Third Member (Secretary)	150.00 per year
Auditor	100.00 per year -
Constables	1.00 per hour
Tree Warden	1.00 per hour

or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 6. To appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise such sums of money as may be required to defray Town charges for the financial year ending December 31, 1954 and expressly for the following purposes to wit:

1. For the support of the Public Library. 600.00
2. For the Selectmen's current expenses and salaries. 2650.00
3. For the Treasurer's current expenses and salary. 900.00
4. For the Town Clerk's current expenses and salaries. ~~900.00~~ 615.00

5. For the Assessor's current expenses and salaries.
6. For the Tax Collector's current expenses and salary.
7. For the Board of Registrar's current expenses and salaries.
8. For the salary of Town Auditor.
9. For the Sealer of Weights and Measures' current expenses and salary.
10. For the payment of Insurance.
11. For Veteran's Benefits.
12. For Highways and Bridges, center of Town.
13. For Memorial Day.
14. For Interest on Temporary Loans and Maturing Debt.
15. For Fire Department for current expenses and salaries.
16. For Street Lights.
17. For Water Department incidentals, pumping and salaries.
18. For Board of Health current expenses and salaries.
19. For Police Department including Night Patrol.
20. For Tree Warden.
21. For Removal of Snow.
22. For Park Commissioners.
23. For Support of School and salaries of School Committee.
24. Town Forest Committee.
25. For heating and maintenance of Fire Station and Town Office Building.
26. For maturing debt.
27. For Welfare Agent.
28. For Wire Inspector, salary and expenses.

1500.00
 1000.00
 260.00
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 75.00
 2000.00
 300.00
 4200.00
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 5500.00
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 5750.00
 7700.00
 2300.00
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 3500.00
 2000.00
 83986.00
 75.00
 1100.00
 20000.00
 800.00
 250.00

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to have the surety of the Collector of Taxes, Deputy Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Secretary of the Water Commissioners and Clerk of the Selectmen's bond placed with a fidelity or guarantee company, and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the same.

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Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the carrying on of the Moth work for the coming year.

500.00

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a Reserve Fund to provide for the extraordinary unforeseen expenses, as authorized by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

4400.00
Jan

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the operation of Road Machinery or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

200.00
Jan

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

1025.00
2000.00

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

430.00
936.00
Jan

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and maintenance of the Town Dump, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

300.00

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00, or any other sum, to continue the drainage program, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for all control work against the Dutch Elm Disease, as set forth by Section 13, Chapter 761, Act of 1949, to be expended under the direction of the Moth Superintendent, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,143.32, this being the amount apportioned to Plainville as its share of the cost of the Norfolk County Retirement System, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00, or any other sum, for the use of the athletic department of the schools, as provided for in Chapter 658, Acts of 1950, a revision of Sec. 47, Chapter 71, of the General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the carrying out of the State Vocational Education Program as provided for in Section 7 and 8 of Chapter 74, General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (This account to be handled by the School Committee.)

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,900, for the carrying on of the different categories of Welfare, made up approximately as follows: General Welfare, \$2,500; Aid Dependent Children, \$400; Old Age Assistance, \$11,000 and Disabled Persons, \$2,000, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000, or any other sum, for the purchase of water meters, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Water Commissioners)

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100 for the installation of water

meters on the water mains supplying the town with water from North Attleboro, as requested by the North Attleboro Water Dept., or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Water Commissioners) *11/5.00*

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,775, to install water mains on the following streets: Riley Street approximately 450 feet; Mathurin Road approximately 550 feet; Route 106 approximately 2,150 feet, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. Water Committee) *977.5*

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225 for repair of Riley Street after installation of water mains, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Water Committee) *225.00*

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Town Water System along School Street for about 1,900 running feet, more or less, to a point about in front of the residence of Mr. Alix, and raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$5,800, or any other sum, to pay for said installation, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition) *5800.00*

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,600 or any other sum for the repair of School Street after the installation of water, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition) *1600.00*

Article 27. To see if the Town will accept as a Public Way a street to be known as Harvard Street, located on the westerly side of South Street, about 350 feet north of Cross Street, and running westerly parallel to Cross Street, for a length of 400 feet when said road is brought to a grade satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen and when a plan of the Road is filed with the Board of Selectmen, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for hard surfacing of said road; or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition)

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to install water mains in a way known as 'Harvard Street,' for a distance of 400 feet more or less, in a westerly direction from South Street, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250 for said installation, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition)

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Public Way a street to be known as Wade Road located on the westerly side of South Street, about 240 feet southerly of Cross Street, and running westerly parallel to Cross Street for a length of 550 feet when said road is brought to a grade satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen and when a plan of the road is filed with the Board of Selectmen, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550 for hard surfacing of said road, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition)

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to install water mains in a way known as 'Wade Road' for a distance of 550 feet more or less, in a westerly direction from South Street, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,050 for said installation. (Petition)

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to assume the permanent care and upkeep of the old cemetery, situated on West Bacon Street, between South Street and Bacon Square, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$300, or any other sum, to be expended under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen during 1954, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Plainville Grange) ,

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to pay for two (2) street lights in front of St. Martha's Church, and the money for same to be raised and appropriated under Sec. 16 of Art. 6, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to install two (2) street lights on Belcher Street, near the home of Mr. Charles G. Stetson, and the money to pay for same to be raised and appropriated under Sec. 16 of Art. 6, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$840 or any other sum, to build a sidewalk along the easterly side of the Methodist Church property to East Bacon Street, about 160 linear feet, then westerly along East Bacon Street, for about 280 linear feet, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$560 or any other sum to complete the sidewalk on the westerly side of South Street to the North Attleboro line, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

300.00

840.00

560.00

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 or any other sum, to build a sidewalk on the northerly side of Pleasant Street, starting in front of the 'Cloutier' property, and running westerly to South Street, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition) 300

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800. or any other sum, to extend the sidewalk on the southerly side of East Bacon Street from Potter Ave. to Vernon Young Drive, approximately 400 linear feet, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. 800

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150. or any other sum, for the annual rental of the property on Cowell St. belonging to the Stierli family, and now being used by the Town as a public dump. 150

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000. or any other sum, for the filling and grading of the New Elementary School grounds, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. 1,000

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. or any other sum for the treatment of tuberculosis patients having a legal settlement in this town as provided for by Chap. 270, Acts of 1952, repealing Chap. 562 of the Acts of 1951, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. 100

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, and to be placed in a fund known as the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943; this money to be earmarked for the building and equipment of an addition to the new Elementary School building or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Treasurer to transfer for the use of the Park Commissioners, a sum of money given to the Park Department by Mrs. Nettie F. Young, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. The amount of money to be transferred is approximately \$73.00.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain piece of land, or any part thereof, located on the northerly side of the Whiting & Davis parking lot, containing 13 and 07/100 acres, and identified as Lot #23 on Plat 5, in the Assessor's records. Also to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign, acknowledge and deliver any instruments of transfer on behalf of the Town, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 44. To see whether or not the Town will vote to authorize the Town Forest Committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell and convey, on such terms and conditions as they deem proper, the following described parcel of land situated on the southeasterly side of Washington Street in said Plainville, bounded: Northwesterly by said street, 540.88 feet; Southeasterly by Shepard's Pond; and Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Alexander Adair, et ux. Said premises being a portion of the premises described in Certificate of Title #15213, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Surplus Revenue Account to be used by the assessors for the reduction of the tax rate or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 46. To choose any committee and to hear the report of any committee and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof in seven (7) Public Places in said town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

LEROY B. WILSON

Selectmen of Plainville

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